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Death for economic crimes

TORONTO—

"The Soviet Union has apparently reverted to death sentences for Russians who have been found guilty of economic crimes," stated Max Shecter, national chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry.

According to sketchy information made available to the Committee, a year-long trial was conducted in Donetsk, an industrial city in the Ukraine, against 54 defendants, both Jews and non-Jews. They were charged and convicted of "selling surplus textiles to a value of half a million rubles."

Fifty co-defendants in the closed trial, all non-Jews, received prison terms. The four Jews were sentenced to death even though the prosecutor requested only their imprisonment. All of the condemned men are married with children. Three reside in Tbilisi, Georgia, and one in Baku.

Shecter indicated that it was inconceivable to find, in a modern and progressive state in the year of 1979, that persons convicted of non-capital crimes, no matter how serious, are sentenced to death.

The Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry has called on the federal minister of justice and national lawyers' associations to make representations to the Soviet Union. The decision of the Ukrainian Supreme Court can be upset only by the Supreme Court of the USSR. Failing that, a grant of clemency by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev would be the sole recourse.

(Ben Lechtman photo)

BINGO

It was a warm, sunny day and Jeffrey Bresler, 9, and Helen Robins met at a Toronto park where Helen let Jeffery in on secrets of playing Bingo.

The gathering of the seniors and youngsters is part of a new program dreamed up by the Centre for Creative Living (See story page 9)

'1980 UJA drive most critical,' says new chairman

TORONTO—

The 1980 United Jewish Appeal campaign could be the most crucial in local UJA history.

That's the opinion of Gerald J. Goldenberg, the 1980 campaign chairman, who is currently assessing the Israeli and local situations to determine the extent of the campaign.

"We have desperate needs," he said, as he discussed Israel's program for peace which involves the relocation of 10,000 residents of the Sinai; sharply increased emigration of Jews from Soviet Russia; and the severe inflation which is playing havoc with Israel's economy and seriously hampering the operation of local agencies. The Project Renewal campaign, commenced last year to help rehabilitate 160 slum areas in Israel, will continue in 1980.

"The needs are real and we have to meet them," he declared, pointing out that the Israeli pound is currently valued at about four cents, gasoline in Israel is selling at $2.60 and imported meat has just gone up in price by 60%.

Goldenberg estimates that contributions to the UJA will have to be increased by at least 25% over 1979 gifts just to cover inflation and the shrinking dollar. But he is convinced this is an attainable goal "because we have a dedicated and knowledgeable team which works year-round to keep UJA in the forefront as the principal fund-raising body in our community."

The new UJA chairman added that "I am an eternal optimist. I look at everything through rose-colored glasses. When people try to tell me about problems, I don't hear them. As far as I'm concerned, there are no problems, just ups and downs."

A veteran of the past five campaigns, Goldenberg said he accepted the chairmanship "with great humility. I know it is the most vital community service anybody can perform and I am determined we will succeed. We have to." Campaigning for the UJA is a family tradition. His father, Louis, was an active campaigner in the 60s.

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Gerald J. Goldenberg

USSR's black threat cancels vital UNEF Sinai mandate

By BEVERLEY STERN

With the expiry date last week of the mandate for the 4,000 man United Nations Emergency Force peacekeeping force in the Sinai, it is still not clear what is going to take its place as a police force in that sensitive area.

Israel is now making its second staged withdrawal from the 2,400 square miles of Sinai Desert. The transfer is the second in a series of five withdrawals to be completed by 1980, as agreed to in the Camp David treaty.

Both Israel and Egypt are concerned and irate over the Soviet Union's threat to veto the UNEF mandate in the Security Council.

The Soviet Union is not represented in the UNEF.

The Soviet Union, however, agreed to a U.S. proposal that an enlarged United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO) take over UNEF's duties. Both the U.S. and the Soviet Union, as super-powers, have 36 officers each in the 300-man UNTSO.

Unarmed, UNTSO is believed by Israel to be a poor mechanism for monitoring the Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai under the terms of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, an Israeli spokesman told The CJN.

Matti Golan, director of Israel Information Service, said "Israel rejects the UNTSO compromise.

"We favor any arrangement of a multi-national force other than UNTSO," said Golan, "because UNTSO is under the UN Secretary-General, Kurt Waldheim, who has the authority to withdraw the forces at any time," he said.

"We recall what happened in 1967 when then secretary-general U. Thant removed the UN forces in the Sinai and the Gaza Strip upon the request of president Gamel Nasser. This expulsion of an international supervisory force was one of the factors contributing to war," Golan remarked.

There is a feeling that Waldheim leans towards the Arab point of view in Israel, and this distrust makes Israelis uncomfortable with Waldheim's role in UNTSO, suggested Golan.

"UNTSO can only report infringements of the peace," he pointed out. "Israel wants a policing international force which would have more than UNTSO's observer powers.

"The U.S. at Camp David," Golan continued, "gave a letter to Israel promising that it would do everything in its power to maintain UNEF in the Sinai, and if it could not, then the U.S. said other provisions for an international force would be made. We expect the U.S. to stand by its commitment," he emphasized.

Mahmoud Osman, Egyptian Embassy spokesman for Ambassador Hassan Fahmy in Ottawa, shared Israel's disappointment and concern over the disbanding of the UNEF forces.

"Egypt is very disturbed by the Soviet refusal in the Security Council to renew the UNEF mandate," Osman told The CJN. "We would have hoped that the Russians would have measured up to its international responsibilities in peace-making.

"We are most concerned that there continue to be a United Nation's presence in the Sinai," stressed Osman. "Egypt," he said, "would accept UNTSO."

UNTSO, which was created in 1949 at the end of Israel's War of Independence, has attempted, without success, to supervise a truce between Israel and neighboring Arab countries.

The present UNEF force in the Sinai was sent in October 1973 following the Egyptian-Israeli war. A UN official said it would take six to eight weeks to withdraw from the area.

The UNEF in the Sinai consists of contingents from Canada, Australia, Finland, Ghana, Indonesia, Poland and Sweden. (UN forces serving on the Golan Heights as a buffer between Syria and Israel will remain.)

(IPPA photo)

Who will replace the Russian-ousted UN soldiers in Sinai?

Violators of kashruth sales laws face crackdown

Misleading symbols being taken off

TORONTO—

Across the city's Jewish areas, stars are falling. Stars of David tumbling down from street signs of butcher shops only purporting to be kosher. The cause, according to the spiritual leader of the Lubavitch movement here, is a possible crackdown on violators of a federal law prohibiting unauthorized declarations of kashruth.

When queried, Rabbi David Schochet told The Canadian Jewish News that the federal department of consumer affairs recently sent out registered letters to more than 15 butcher shops not under the supervision of the Rabbinical Vaad HaKashruth to "cease and desist" from implying or claiming to be kosher. Prohibited from further public display is the Magen David, a symbol virtually synonymous with kashruth, on the stores' premises or anywhere in their advertising.

The Rabbinical Vaad HaKashruth, part of the Canadian Jewish Congress, oversees slaughter and supervision procedures for kosher meat and poultry in the Toronto area.

Managers of a couple of the stores contacted by The CJN, confirmed receiving the letter, saying they were complying with it. Several managers said their windows had been broken, and that the new signs omitted the stars. One said the star would be replaced soon. No one wished to be quoted.

Also requested in the letters was that stores which had listed themselves as kosher or "kosher-style" in the Yellow Pages, a form of long-term advertising, display appropriate disclaimers on their premises.

The fact that these butcher shops not under supervision had been implying kashruth was confirmed by a federal inspector's visits.

Schochet pointed out that invoices and receipts of certain stores incorporated the word kosher, also projecting the erroneous impression kashruth was being upheld there.

"Verbally, the situation still leaves much to be desired," said Schochet. "When people phone some stores and ask if they're still kosher, they are told 'yes, we are.'" In one case, someone was told the store she contacted was as 'kosher as ever.' This, of course, is no lie, as the store was never kosher in the first place."

Other butcher shop managers beg the question when asked about their kashruth, according to Schochet. "They say they get their meat from the same sources as the kosher butchers, and that therefore their's is kosher, too. But this is very much not the case."

Two sources of kosher meat in Toronto are Canada Packers and Monarch Meat Packers. Both packers provide for more than just the kosher market. Kosher supervised slaughtering is done in a restricted part of the plant. The fact that unsupervised meat comes from a packer who also does kosher slaughtering, "the same source," is no guarantee of its being kosher. And if the unsupervised meat did indeed come from the same part of the plant where koshering is done, chances are it was from an animal rejected by the schochet—the ritual slaughterer—as being unfit for kashruth, for a number of possible reasons. Or it could have been from the part of the animal—the hind quarters, for example—that is not permited for kosher consumption.

Schochet said the elaborate system of supervision entailed in the Toronto-area kashruth procedures results in an accurate record for the Vaad of the stores to which each piece of kosher meat is shipped. A member of the Vaad himself, Schochet says no kosher meat as far as he knows has been sent to any of the butcher shops in question.

"Families who are buying these 'kosher-style' meats, or however they are called, in the belief they are getting something that is actually kosher, are dead wrong. The meat is treif, pure and simple.

"If a cut, say, sells for $2 in a supermarket, and up to $3 in a kosher market, the consumer does not save 25 cents if she buys a similar cut in a 'kosher-style' shop for $2.75. She is wasting 75 cents. If she wants treif meat, she can get it cheapest at the supermarket."

Schochet added that many consumers are too quick to assume that the butcher shops they are dealing with are kosher. "Some say, 'if my butcher tells me he's kosher, I'll take his word; and if he's not, the sin is on his head.' But that is the wrong attitude.

"A butcher shop that is kosher, under the supervision of the Vaad, is identified by two prominently displayed certificates from Congress. A list of kosher butcher shops is available in the kashruth guide put out by the Orthodox division of Congress."

The following butchers are kosher, as supervised by the Vaad HaKashruth:

Abrams, on Sheppard W. and in the Bathurst-Wilson Loblaws store;

Bathurst Manor Food Centre, in the Bathurst Manor Plaza;

Berlin, on Wilson;

J&S Meats, on Marlee;

B. Goldstein, on Wilson;

Kirshen, on Bathurst;

Springer's, on Bathurst;

Stroli's, on Bathurst and on Sheppard;

Miracle Food Mart, at its three bathurst St. Locations;

Sunnybrook, on Wilmington;

Perl's, at its two Bathurst St. locations.

At this date, no other butcher shops are kosher.

According to Schochet, the fact that butcher shops are closed on Saturday does not in itself make their meat kosher. "This just adds to the deception," he stressed.

(Of course, any duly supervized kosher shop that would open on Saturday would forfeit its kashruth status immediately.)

Schochet said the Lubavitchers' koshering service, available by request at the Lubavitch Community Centre, 633-8020, would also be open to those in any doubt of the kashruth of the meat they have been using. Not only is this service free, but the Lubavitchers are willing to pay for up to half of whatever utensils and dishes need replacing, he added.

Next: a look at Shechita procedures at the plant and at the part the kosher butcher plays in preparing the meat in his shop.

Mordechai Shalev returns to Israel

OTTAWA —

Mordechai Shalev, Israel's Ambassador to Canada, will be returning to Jerusalem at the end of August after a term here of almost four years.

Shalev, 64, will be retiring, after a career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of 30 years, to devote himself to writing and lecturing. An embassy spokesman said no replacement has yet been chosen.

Prior to his appointment to Canada, Shalev was with the Israeli Embassy in Washington. Earlier diplomatic postings took him to the Western United States and Africa, including the ambassadorship of Ghana.

He also had a distinguished military career first serving as a lieutenant in the Jewish Brigade during World War II and later as a major in the War of Independence.

Mordechai Shalev

THE WORSENING ABUSE OF MATHEMATICIANS EPITOMIZES USSR ANTI-SEMITISM

By BEATRICE LEVIN

HOUSTON, Texas—

Russia has been anti-Semitic since the first Jews, Polish prisoners of war, ragged and wretched, were captured in 1665-66. Jews began to enter Little Russia and Smolensk and the pale of the settlement at the end of the 18th century.

From the first, the aim of educating Jewish children was to induce them to be baptized, and Jews were obliged to do military service instead of paying a recruiting tax. The period of service was 25 years. Boys were drafted between 12 and 25, but sometimes to fulfil a quota, youngsters of eight were clothed in oversized overcoats and marched from home, perhaps never to be seen again. They were flogged, starved, forced to eat unpalatable food. Where the barracks did not do the assimilation, the "martyrdom of the children" was accomplished in Russian schools which obliterated Talmudic ideas.

In every aspect of life, Jews were discriminated against. When pogroms broke out in Russia in 1881, no military action was taken to stop the plunder and murder.

For a people who cherished the life of the mind, the discrimination against higher education in Russia was the cruelest punishment. Before World War II, the Jewish student who wished to be a mathematician had a better chance than a scholar who hoped to major in humanities, biology or physics. Pressure to conform within rigid Communist lines of ideology were severe. At Moscow University, for example, Albert Einstein's theory of relativity was denounced as "idealistic." (After all, he was a Jew.)

Children from non-proletarian families were barred from higher education. Anyone might be labelled an "enemy of the people" and their offspring would be excluded from admission to the university, although prominent scholars sometimes managed to persuade the authorities to accept exceptionally brilliant youth.

In 1944, in the midst of one of the most devastating wars in Russian history, with the Nazis destroying cities and raining death upon USSR cities, the country adopted a burned-earth policy and a scorching official anti-Semitism. Jewish applicants in mathematics were refused admittance to graduate schools. Any student with a Jewish last name was in trouble, although discrimination was not overt. Any excuse was used. A student was said to have low grades in political disciplines or did not participate in politics. Students who attempted to speak out against anti-Semitism were first forbidden to do so and then hounded out of the university.

Courageous mathematicians tried to defend Jewish students, and on occasion were successful, but the risk was great. Dr. V.V. Stepanov, director of the Mathematical Institute, and I.G. Petrovsky, dean and rector, both of Moscow University, were outspoken against these injustices.

With the refusal to admit Jews to the university or to hire Jewish mathematicians, Jews began to be eliminated from scientific institutions.

In the forties, outstanding Jewish scientists were forced from Kiev Mathematical Institute. Russian anti-Semitism became notorious under Stalin. Though Krushchev improved the climate, anti-Jewish discrimination continued.

By the '60s, the moral atmosphere in mathematics was desperate. Anti-Semitic mathematicians seized power and forbid hiring, publication of books and articles and even the awarding of earned degrees.

In the USSR, the Academy of Science regulates publications, contact with foreign scientists and top-level assignments of scientists. Until the '50s, membership was reserved for accomplished scientists. When the Siberian division of the Academy opened, many middle-level scientists were elected to the Academy because of their invitations to work in Siberia, and the government announced vacancies for applied mathematicians. These vacancies were filled by unknown mathematicians and the standards of the Academy were significantly reduced. Fine mathematicians nominated repeatedly for election to the Academy were rejected.

The Steklov Mathematical Institute has been directed for more than 30 years by I.M. Vinogradov, a vicious anti-Semite, who proudly boasts that his Institute is "free of Jews."

Current editor of the oldest Soviet mathematical journal, **Mathematicheskil Sbornik**, is L.S. Pontryagin, seems to have suffered a personality change. Strong anti-Semitic statements brought him important promotions and his pathological attitudes were rewarded with the position of representative of the USSR in the International Mathematical Union and the chairmanship of the editorial board judging mathematics books.

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World in Hebrew

By JOSEPH KLINGER

עובדתון: מכון קרן התרבות
תשעה באב: "אם אשכחך ירושלים תשכח ימיני" (תהילים פרק קל"ז, פסוק ה').
משנכנס אב ממעטין בשמחה: חודש אב הוא חודש עצוב מאד לעם ישראל. מכל האסונות שבאו על העם היהודי, רבים מהם קרו בתקופת חודש אב. בין ראש חודש אב ובין תשעה באב העם באבל וכמו-כן בתאריך זה חרב בית-המקדש ולכן יום זה הוא יום צום. בליל תשעה באב קוראים בבית-הכנסת את מגילת "איכה". בעדות המזרח מעמידים בבית-הכנסת קערה עם אפר שרוף ובבוקר לפני הקריאה בתורה, שם כל אחד את אצבעו בתוך האפר ורוקם קו על המצח, ישנם מקומות שעוטפים בהם את ספרי-התורה בשחורים, יש עדות אשר האנשים שוכבים על האדמה ושמים אבן מתחת ראשם. בתימן הזקנים היו באים לבית-הכנסת בלבוש שקים והיו צועקים כמו על מת וכל הקהל היה פורץ בבכי מר וקורא: "אם אשכחך ירושלים - תשכח ימיני". בפרס ב-ערב תשעה באב, המשפחה פורשת מפה ישנה על הארץ ואוכלת סעודה מפסקת, אחרי הארוחה לוקח כל אחד ביצה שם אותה לצלחת אפר ואוכל אותה, אחר-כך כל בני המשפחה הולכים יחפים לבית-הכנסת. בסוף הקינות מכבים את הנרות והקהל שומע בחשיכה את דברי החזן המספר על חורבן הבית וכשיוצאים מבית-הכנסת אין מברכים זה את זה בשלום. במרוקו ליהודי מרוקו אין ספר-קינות מודפס, הם מביאים אתם לבית-הכנסת חוברות של קינות ולפעמים קבוצות של אנשים מתאספים בחוץ ומקוננים בצידי הרחובות. בבומבי לאחר גמר הצום אוכלים היהודים גרעינים, פולים ואפונה כמו שאכלו אבותינו על נהרות בבל. את הסעודה שאחרי הצום הם אינם אוכלים בצלחות אלא בעלי בננות זהו זכר לאוכל שאכלו הגולים בדרך.
מטוס ללא-טייס בתצוגה האווירית בצרפת: בסלון האווירי בפאריס הוצג מטוס ישראלי ללא-טייס. המטוס הזעיר שהוא חידוש של תעשיית הנשק הישראלית מיועד לצרכי מודיעין והתרעה, ישנה עדיפות רבה למטוסים אלה היות והם מסוגלים לחדור לשטח האויב ללא סיכון חייו של טייס וקשה מאד לאתרו במכ"ם בגלל מידותיו הקטנות.
קומביין מיוחד לאסיף אפרסקים בישראל: קומביין חדיש ויחיד בסוגו בעולם הופעל לאחרונה בישראל באסיף האפרסקים. אסיף פרי האפרסק נעשה ע"י חיתוך כל העץ עד לגזעו והעברתו באמצעות מסיע למתקן של מערכת ניעור. הפרי מופרד מהענפים ומועבר למיכלים וענפי העץ נזרקים ישר לאדמה, כל הפעולה נעשית ללא מגע יד אדם, העץ בעצמו הוא גבוה מאד ולאחר החיתוך בעת האסיף הוא פורח מחדש.
תיירות מגרמניה: נציגים מגרמניה המערבית ביקרו בישראל למען עידוד התיירות לישראל, אחרי סיור ממושך בארץ התרשמו מאד סוכני-התיירות מבתי-המלון והם משערים כי בעיקבות חתימת חוזה השלום עם מצרים, עשוייה ישראל להיות מקור משיכה רב לתיירים. לדבריהם ישראל לא רק ארץ שיש בה ארכיאולוגיה והיסטוריה, אלא גם תשתית לתיירות ונופש. בחודש ינואר-מרץ הגיעו מגרמניה לישראל כ-26 אלף תיירים, ומצפים שהשנה תנועת התיירות תגיע ל-160 אלף מבקרים מגרמניה.
מחסור בדוורים בתל-אביב: משרד הדואר בתל-אביב עושה מאמצים רבים בכדי להתגבר על בעיית המחסור בכח-אדם בחלוקת המכתבים המחסור הניכר בדוורים הוא בגורם לעיכובים רציניים בחלוקת דברי-הדואר באיזור תל-אביב ורמת-השרון.
קרוב ל-500 אלף כלי-רכב בישראל מספר כלי-הרכב גדל בעשר השנים האחרונות, כעת נעים בכבישי-ישראל כ-350 אלף כלי רכב פרטיים, לעומת שנת 1965 שהיו אז רק כ-80 אלף כלי-רכב פרטיים. כיום מצוי כלי-רכב אחד בממוצע בידי כל משפחה שלישית בארץ.

FIRST LADY OF EUROPE

(Religious News Service photo)

Simone Veil, 52, recently elected president of the new European Parliament, is surrounded by male associates as she addresses the continental organization.

Ms. Veil, a survivor of Auschwitz, left her post as France's minister of health to head assembly. Christian Democrats and British Conservatives supported her.

Businessmen's Israeli tour a success

JERUSALEM —
In an ironic twist to the debate over the location of Canada's embassy in Israel, a group of Canadian businessmen who visited Israel at the height of the controversy were greeted with an exceptional warmth which was subsequently translated into millions of dollars worth of business for Canada. According to the latest Statistics Canada figures, Israel remains Canada's third largest market in the Middle-East and North Africa after Saudi Arabia and Algeria; a fact generally forgotten in discussions about potential trade in the area.

The businessmen toured Israel between June 18-24, under the auspices of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce. Chamber president Lou Ronson said when all the totals are in, Canada will have drummed up, in signed and pending contracts, between $1.5 billion and $2 billion worth of business in Israel.

"People were asking what the embassy issue would mean to Canada in dollars and cents," said Ronson, "well, that is pretty cynical, but if we do look at the issue in those terms, the Arabs threatened us with economic sanctions while the Israelis came through with millions of dollars worth of business."

Included in the list of major projects are a contract to re-design Ben-Gurion International Airport, which has been secured by the Toronto-based IBI Group; a potential $1.5 billion scheme to take over and restructure the government-owned telephone and telegraph system; two major railway infrastructure projects, including the re-opening of the long defunct Cairo-Tel Aviv route through the Sinai Desert.

IBI, a Toronto based architectural planning firm, has secured a contract from the Israel Airports Authority to redesign Ben-Gurion International Airport.

According to IBI president, Phil Beinhaker, the project includes extension of the main runway, an addition to the existing terminal building and the eventual construction of a completely new terminal to be finished by 1990. Beinhaker estimates by the time of completion the whole project will approach $200 million in 1979 dollars.

Canstruct, a Calgary based engineering firm, is currently negotiating to build a rail system to link the Mediterranean with the Red Sea port of Eilat, via the giant phosphates plant at Sodom on the shores of the Dead Sea. Such a system would complement the Suez Canal by providing an efficient land bridge between Europe and Asia for the conveyance, storage and distribution of container traffic.

The contract is worth some $300 million, representatives of Canstruct reportedly met with Prime Minister Begin on June 21 to discuss the project and sources present at the meetings disclosed that the Israeli prime minister raised the additional issue of the Egypt-Israel rail link and stated his intention of discussing it at his meeting with President Sadat in Alexandria.

Subsequent to the summit meeting, the Jerusalem Post reported that Begin and Sadat had agreed in principle, to reopen the rail line which has not been in use since 1947. Taken together, the Mediterranean Red Sea link and the Cairo-Tel Aviv line would be worth more than $750 million.

At present, Israel's telephone and telegraph system is state-owned and, as in Britain, is operated by the post office. The system is overburdened and in need of extensive modernization. When Begin's Likud party came to power in the 1977 general elections, it stated an intention to reduce the level of state involvement in the economy by selling back state-owned enterprises to the private sector. Avraham Talmor, Israeli trade commissioner in Montreal, confirms that a Canadian consortium currently has the inside track in negotiations relating to this contract, which he values at $1.5 billion. The project would involve the installation of some 200,000 new telephones within two years. The names of the members of the consortium are being kept secret until the negotiations are concluded.

A Montreal subsidiary of Texas Air Pollution Controls (TEPCO) is in the final stages of negotiating a contract to manufacture air pollution control equipment in Israel. Jack Simms, who heads TEPCO's Canadian operations, feels that Israel offers a multi-million dollar market for his company's products. While in Israel, Simms met with the mayor of Tel Aviv, Shlomo Lahat, who expressed interest in a total pollution control package for his municipality.

Tel Aviv has a population of some 400,000 and, according to Simms, this project alone is worth millions of dollars. He will be returning to Israel in early August to begin final negotiations.

Douglas Bassett, president of Baton Broadcasting, was a member of the chamber of commerce group and it has been learned that he initiated discussions in relation to the establishment of a second, commercial television channel. Israel presently has one, state-owned, non-commercial channel which broadcasts in black and white. Bassett says that the discussions are still in their early stages and refuses to give further details.

Israelis are trying to convince the British not to give sanction to massive tank deal with Jordan

JERUSALEM [JCNS] —
Perturbed by the planned large-scale build-up of weapons in Jordan, Israel has been energetically trying to convince the British Government not to give final sanction to a massive tank deal with Amman. So far, Israel's expressions of concern about the proposed sale of 275 of the most advanced Chieftain tanks have apparently not been effective. The negotiations, involving the type of advanced tanks which were sold recently to Iran, are said to be in an advanced phase.

Israel's main argument in trying to sway Whitehall has been that if the deal does go through, in the event of renewed hostilities on the eastern front, King Hussein would be more readily tempted to engage in a military adventure with the countries on Israel's east who are opposed to the present Middle East peace moves.

Another argument is that if faced by Jordan's giant array of sophisticated armoured weaponry, Israel would have to realign her demands for security guarantees and the deployment of her own forces within the West Bank autonomy scheme, to cope with this potential threat from the east.

The Chieftain tank, with its 120 mm cannon, improved engine, and its highly-developed fire-power system, is widely regarded as one of the best weapons put out by Western arms manufacturers, although it is considered to be slightly behind the Russian T-72.

Israel contemplated the purchase of the original Chieftains in the early 1970s, but the deal was stalled and finally abandoned after 1973 when Israel decided to develop its own Mercava (chariot) tank. The Jordanians have, in the past, been equipped with British Centurions, but later went primarily for American arms.

At present there are two armoured divisions in the Jordanian Army. It is not known whether the plan is to refurbish these existing forces or to establish additional tank units.

Britain's answer to Israel's expression of concern was that the tanks were meant for defensive purposes, not necessarily to be employed against Israel and that they would not upset the Middle East arms balance. It was indicated that if Israel were interested, a deal with her on the same lines would be favorably considered.

Israel's agitation about the prospective deal has been exacerbated by reports during the last few days that Amman is also seeking to buy 250 of the most advanced American tanks, and that the initial reception in Washington was "promising."

Hussein's Army Commander, Zeid Bin Shaker, is presently in Moscow, reportedly to sound out the Russians about possible arms supplies, in a move to diversify sources for the country's arsenals.

Member of French Academy, Joseph Kessel, dies at 81

PARIS [JCNS] —
One of France's most distinguished writers and a proud Jew, Joseph Kessel, who, in 1964, joined the 40 "Immortals" by being elected a member of the French Academy, has died. He was 81.

For the election ceremony to the Academy, the Shield of David was emblazoned on the sword he carried to emphasize his detestation of anti-Semitism and, as he said: "Pride that my origins were in the ghetto of Shavli in Russia."

Kessel was born in Clara, one of the Jewish settlements in Argentina where his father was a physician. The family returned to Russia, where the young Kessel experienced a pogrom at first hand, and later settled in France.

In 1915, Mr. Kessel, already an established writer, volunteered for war service and became an officer in the air force. Between the wars he built up a reputation as a novelist, journalist and playwright. When World War II broke out he became a war correspondent.

At the fall of France, the Vichy Government offered him immunity from anti-Jewish legislation in recognition to his air force service, but he rejected the offer without thanks. "I need no pardon," he told an official who informed him that his case would be considered exceptional.

Kessel made good his escape to England and spent the rest of the war in a Free French Air squadron, flying special missions to occupied France. He received French, British and American decorations. In 1964 he was created a Commander of the French Legion of Honor.

Kessel was a dedicated Zionist. He first visited Palestine in 1924 in company with Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who became Israel's first President. On the day the Jewish state was born, May 15, 1948, he landed in Haifa as a French war correspondent to cover Israel's war of independence. In his passport, Kessel was Israeli entry visa no. 1.

Israel tightens gasoline curbs

TEL AVIV [JCNS] —
In addition to Israelis being banned from using their cars for one day a week as part of a program of energy-conservation measures decided upon by the cabinet, purchase tax on cars with bigger than 2-litre engines is to be increased. Vehicles over two tons will have to have diesel, not petrol engines, and there will be restrictions on the carrying of passengers by private cars on inter-urban roads.

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A delegation from the Ontario Federation of Labor left for a tour of Israel recently. Among them were, left to right: April Coulton, MP Bob Rae, Ken Signoretti, Max Federman, Sam Fox, David Ariel (Israel's consul general here who was seeing the group off), Shirley D'Angelis, Domenic D'Angelis, John O'Brady, and William Villano. Others are missing from the photo.

Concerned Hamilton Jews helping the boat people

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — A committee of Jews concerned with the "boat people" has been set up here following an emergency session at the Jewish Community Centre recently.

Hamilton Jewish Federation called the meeting in order to co-ordinate all efforts by the local Jewish community to aid the refugees and to act as a backup organization to sponsorship groups.

Even before the announcement by Congress that it was calling upon Canadian Jewry to sponsor 1,000 refugees, moves were underway here to set up groups of sponsors in conjunction with Operation Lifeline.

Speaking of the plight of the refugees in a Friday evening sermon several weeks ago, Rabbi Bernard Baskin called on his Temple Anshe Sholom congregation to undertake the sponsorship of a Vietnamese family and the following morning at Adas Israel synagogue, Rabbi Morton Green made a similar plea in his sermon.

Operation Lifeline, the organization set up by Howard Adelman of Toronto, spread to Hamilton when he gave the telephone number of a Hamilton friend, Janet Ajzenstat, to the Globe & Mail and phone calls began to pour in. The local branch was set up at a subsequent meeting at Mrs. Ajzenstat's home, and a public meeting at Christ Church Cathedral with Professor Adelman as guest speaker followed. Director of Jewish Social Services, Carol Krames, attended as the official representative of the Jewish community.

The immediate aim of the committee is to establish sponsorship for five families, "something we can certainly manage," Mrs. Ajzenstat said.

A graduate student in political science at the University of Toronto, Mrs. Ajzenstat is regional co-ordinator for Operation Lifeline, responsible for smaller communities in the area outside of Toronto. A dynamic and energetic person, she also agreed to become chairman of the Jewish committee and at a follow-up meeting to be held at the JCC she hopes that "three or four more groups will come forward." She also hopes that local Hadassah and B'nai B'rith groups "will come through."

Rabbi Baskin, a member of the Honorary Committee of the Hamilton branch of Operation Lifeline, noted that following his sermon "inquiries about sponsorships, offers of money and apartments began coming in" and he suggested that "rather than have overlapping efforts, it should be worked out as a Jewish community effort and not fragmented."

Representing Adas Israel, psychiatrist Dr. Nahum Spinner stated he had been empowered by his congregation to accept any proposals made at the meeting but even if not accepted, "the Adas will take one or two families."

Although Jews have been enormously successful in philanthropic efforts and are very experienced, "I think we have a lot to learn from the Mennonites," Dr. Spinner added. The Mennonites, he explained, have already been aiding the refugees — "very quietly" — for four years because "they have not forgotten. Like the Jews," he continued, "they have long memories and they remember how they got here."

With Rabbi Israel N. Silverman away at Camp Ramah, the Beth Jacob congregation will discuss its response to the refugee problem at a later date.

In addition to Mrs. Ajzenstat, the committee includes Claire Mandel, Life Membership Chairman of Canadian Hadassah, Isabel Strub, a past chairman of the Women's Division, Hamilton U.I.A., Rose Paikin and Albert and Millie State. Federation is represented by executive director Samuel Soifer, who will act as official spokesman, and Carol Krames.

Steering clear of political disputes

By WOLF MATSDORF

JERUSALEM — "Visiting Jerusalem again is such a thrilling meaningful experience," said Sylvia Ostry, Chairman of the Economic Council of Canada during the recent Jerusalem world conference of top women leaders.

Mrs. Ostry was one of the members of the Canadian delegation together with Adrienne Clarkson of the CBC, Clara Balinsky, WIZO-Montreal, Ruth Wolfish-Rotman, Pioneer Women, Toronto and Ms. Elaine Dubow of Montreal.

Among other participants were ministers of justice from Denmark, Costa Rica and Surinam, education ministers from the Netherlands and Brazil, the vice-chairman of the German Bundestag, communication minister from Australia — and other women in the field of politics, academics and the law from the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

This conference on "Whither Society" and "Has the struggle for increased women's participation been vindicated and how will it change society in the future?" was brought about by the political manipulation of the 1975 United Nations Conference in Mexico on the occasion of the UN's International Year of the Woman, where the resolution equating Zionism with racism was first adopted.

The Jerusalem conference managed to pass a resolution demanding to ensure that future conferences on women steer clear of political disputes. At the same time they appealed to both men and women to encourage the peace process in the Middle East and to resolve all disputes by peaceful means.

Ms. Wolfish-Rotman said the conference had provided delegates a chance to exchange views and experiences and to present Israel's realities to participants who had come to the country for the first time.

Speaking of the economic aspects of women's common tasks Mrs. Ostry, a Canadian authority on manpower problems, drew the attention to her council's recommendations relating to immigration, poverty and pensions in Canada.

Though she was not quite sure to what extent the new Canadian government would follow her Economic Council's advice she felt — that poverty is almost a female problem in Canada, because of the uneven income distribution, the single headed family with mostly a woman as head, the fast increasing divorce rate and the problems of retirement which is mainly a female problem because of the longevity of women.

Moreover the Canadian aging process will become particularly acute towards the year 2000. Mrs. Ostry is also concerned with ethnic and linguistic problems in the field of female employment which is related to job discrimination in Canada.

Northern community holds UIA campaign

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont. — This Jewish community was the first of the northern Ontario communities to hold its United Israel Appeal annual campaign this summer. Having reached a record high of giving per capita last year, members of this community joined to hear about the challenges and needs facing Israel this year.

Guest speaker Lt. Col. Yona Gazit, from Israel, spoke at the Beth Jacob Synagogue. He said one of the most important by-products of the peace treaty with Egypt will be the great push given to the development of the Negev. This southern half of Israel, which is desert land, suffered in the last 12 years from the fact that all security investments went into the Sinai.

Now that the army will be moving to the Negev, the speaker said, there will be huge investments in infrastructure from which the non-military will benefit as well. A network of new roads, running water, electricity, etc. will now reach every part of the desert.

In addition to this massive construction work, with its huge burden on the Israeli economy, Gazit said, Israel together with world Jewry launched a massive campaign to fight the social gap still existing in Israel. Through Project Renewal the Ontario Jewish communities have adopted a distressed neighborhood in the town of Or Yehuda for social, educational and physical renewal.

Gazit called on the Jews of Sault Ste. Marie to support Project Renewal through their traditional manner of increased giving.

Frank Richardson, chairman of the campaign in Sault Ste. Marie, then asked those present not only for increased giving to their regular campaign, but to Project Renewal as well.

Master plan for rehabilitation

MONTREAL — Ben-Gurion University will be a full working partner in the Montreal Project Renewal program at Yerucahm, it was announced here recently by Melvin Zwaig, president of the Montreal Branch of the Canadian Associates of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

The announcement was based on a recent memorandum of agreement signed by the Montreal Project Renewal Committee of the AJCS/CJA, the Jewish Agency, Ben-Gurion University, the Government of Israel and the town council of Yerucham.

Aside from drawing up a master plan for the rehabilitation and revitalization of Yerucham, the university will have operational and supervisory roles in the implementation of the plan by virtue of its membership on the steering committee set up for the task. The university's participation in the Project, Mr. Zwaig said, represents an historic first of an institution of higher education in Israel becoming directly involved in large scale municipal rehabilitation work.

Yerucham is a 6,000 population Negev development town situated close to the Sdeh Boker campus of Ben-Gurion University housing its world famous Desert Research Institute.

Initial Project Renewal plans projected by the university's Hubert H. Humphrey Social Integration Center will include:

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Would have been 50

Anne Frank's legacy

A visitor in Amsterdam climbs a creaky flight of steep stairs and there, on the third floor, is a room with faded brown walls decorated with magazine photographs of Hollywood screen idols Rudy Vallee, Greta Garbo, Ray Milland and Ginger Rogers. This isn't an ordinary room. It is where Anne Frank, her sister, their parents and four other hunted Dutch Jews lived, behind heavy dark curtains much of the time, until the Gestapo finally found them in August of 1944 and took them away to a concentration camp.

Anne Frank would have been 50 this year had she lived. Thirty four years after her death, the memory of a dark-haired, half-smiling girl remains with us. For us, she will always be young and innocent and infinitely wise beyond her years.

If not for World War II and the bestiality of Nazism, Anne Frank may have been just another teenager dreaming dreams about movie stars, makeup, fame and boys. Fate, however, cast her into an unlikely role, and she was not found wanting.

The Frank family went into hiding after the Germans began rounding up Dutch Jews and deporting them to concentration camps. They lived in an attic from July 9, 1942 until Aug. 4, 1944, sustained by their faith and by the assistance they received from Christian neighbors. Anne, whose ambition was to be a writer, wrote her famous diary in this period, and it was found by friends after the Franks were discovered by the Gestapo. The importance of **The Diary of Anne Frank** was its taut and moving description of fear.

Anne Frank

Anne died in March of 1945, just months before the Allied liberation of Nazi-occupied Europe. Had she not succumbed to typhus, she could have reaped the fruits of her success as a writer and personality extraordinaire. That was not to be, but through her diary and the museum that has been established in Amsterdam to honor her and the victims of the Holocaust, Anne Frank's name will live on in perpetuity.

Electronics laboratory in Rio de Janeiro is one of ORT's many projects around the world.

Chaim Herzog is elected the chairman of ORT for its centenary year

By LISA PALMIERI-BILLIG

ROME [JTA]—
At the conclusion of a three-day meeting of the World ORT Union Executive Committee, it was announced that Gen. Chaim Herzog, former Israel ambassador to the United Nations, was unanimously elected as its chairman. He succeeds Daniel Mayer, a leader of the International League for the Rights of Man and former French minister of labor.

The 110 representatives of ORT organizations from 27 countries were told that the 100th anniversary Congress of ORT will be held in Jerusalem May 31-June 5, 1980. ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training) was founded in Czarist St. Petersburg in 1880 and in its first century has served more than two million people in all parts of the world. More than 100,000 young people and adults staffed by 5,000 teachers in over 700 vocational schools and programs all over the world will be covered this year by a budget of $80 million.

Another important announcement was the decision, which had caused controversy in its deliberative stages, to move ORT headquarters from Geneva to London. The main reason was an expected saving of from $1.2 to $2 million a year. The major obstacle was the problem of personnel: 61 of those employed by ORT in Geneva will lose their jobs, while 40 will be moved with the organization.

Among the important new projects to be undertaken is the founding of a special live-in "outreach" school in the Bat Yam suburb of Tel Aviv, aimed at rehabilitating the many dropouts or youngsters in difficult personal and family situation. The school will aim towards housing 1,000 15-21 year olds, but plans to start with about 400, working upward for a three-year perios. The ratio of students to teachers will be 10-1.

There will also be three new kibbutzim schools and two new factory schools connected with Fiat and Peugot in Israel. By ORT's 100th anniversary, the schools in Israel are expected to number 100. At present, Israel has 94 ORT centres with over 60,000 students, including schools in Arab communities.

ORT in Rome also serves the Soviet Jewish immigrants on their way to English-speaking countries with special language laboratories. Of the $1 million budget for Italy, $600,000 is spent for the Soviet refugee program. Among priorities discussed by the committee members in Rome was co-operation with Jewish community day schools, particularly in Latin America and Italy, in the field of Jewish education.

The ORT didactic innovation centre in Milan has in fact prepared a series of videotapes on Jewish themes to be used by the Jewish schools in Italy. In 1977, a one-day exhibition-seminar on 10 different types of audio-visual aids for Hebrew language teaching was held for all Italian communities. ORT co-operates in Italy with the Ministry of Labor and the Ministry of Education in research projects on modern methods of education and has published the results of nine separate projects since 1972.

Other problems discussed at the three-day meeting were schools in difficult areas of the world. It was noted that the ORT school in Teheran, which totalled 761 students last September, is still functioning in the heart of the city.

Unemployment strikes graduates hard, as 60,000 flood already tight job market

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO—
"Some days you're pretty depressed and you don't want to get out of bed," she says wearily.

Lynn is 26 and out of work, one of thousands of university graduates who are either unemployed or underemployed.

"After months of unemployment, it gets to you," she explains, sitting on the edge of a bed in her poorly furnished apartment in mid-town Toronto. "I know I'm good, so why doesn't anybody want me . . . or maybe I'm not good. You're constantly kicking yourself for not having done enough to find a job."

Lynn is part of a universal phenomenon: severe unemployment or underemployment among university graduates. A decade or so ago, she probably would have found a reasonable, well-paying job in her field. A recruiter may even have hired her. Today, the reverse is true. New graduates face the prospect of unemployment, and must increasingly cope with depression, anxiety and frustration.

Earlier this year, 60,000 new university graduates flooded the already tight job market. Among them were an undetermined number of Jews. Their prospects are clearly dim. As a Statistics Canada report puts it: "New graduates may be competing with graduates of previous years trying to improve their position. It could be 1990 before supply matches demand."

"The situation is just about the worst I've seen it in seven and a half years," says Pearl Chud, a counsellor in the placement department of Jewish Vocational Service.

Milton Friedman, executive director of JVS, contends that university students have few illusions about the difficulties that confront them in the harsh world outside academia.

"They're beginning to realize that a university degree is not necessarily a ticket to employment."

Jewish parents, however, have failed to come to grips with the reality that their offsprings may have to settle for much less than they had hoped, he warns.

"I don't think they're prepared for their sons to be anything less than professionals," he notes, a point echoed by Mrs. Chud. "If Jewish parents were willing to encourage their children to go into different fields—oil technology or aircraft instrumentation, for example—there would be less unemployment," he feels.

Friedman is not an alarmist, but neither is he a naive optimist. "Our society has taken work for granted for too long. It's not God-given. It's very hard for a university person to feel normal unless he's able to work and achieve. Unless Canada finds ways of creating opportunities for our young people, we could see social sparks."

Mass unemployment, he argues, could trigger revolutionary militancy among youth. "They won't tolerate joblessness. It destroys their self-esteem . . . there's evidence that youth unemployment is growing."

Arts graduates are hardest hit, as always. Those who studied accounting, business management, engineering and computer technology are not doing badly.

"And there are jobs for which people are simply not available," says Friedman, referring to undertaking, aircraft instrumentation and orthoptic prosthetics.

JVS places most unemployment graduates in clerical and/or blue-collar work situations. "Very few college grads are willing to go into trades," he says. "And very often arts grads are not skilled in hand and motor co-ordination skills."

Neither do they always know how to conduct themselves at interviews, or how to write an effective resume.

"A higher degree of skill is required these days in job hunting," says Friedman. "You must know how to present yourself to a prospective employer, to prove to him or her that you can organize your thoughts and work well under stress.

"Some graduates haven't mastered the science of resume writing. Some resumes don't reflect the kind of sophistication an employer looks for. I'm not advocating a slick approach, since an employer sees through that quickly."

According to Friedman, the majority of graduates he interviews and meets are not sorry they studied impractical subjects. They're pleased they got a good education but are cognizant that a reordering of their life is necessary.

Universities, too, have started to rethink their role, he comments. Perhaps a university should teach its students how to use their minds, in addition to preparing them for jobs.

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Lynn, who's still looking for a full-time job in her field, museology, has often thought about these questions while sending out application forms, which are invariably never answered.

She holds a BA in classical studies from York University, having graduated in 1973. She registered for an MA at the University of Toronto, but decided not to pursue that degree because teaching was not something she wished to do for the rest of her life.

Since then, Lynn has drifted from one unsatisfactory job to another. Currently, she's project leader directing a team of cataloguers at the Nova Scotia Hall of Fame in Halifax. "I suspect the job will be temporary," she says.

Transitory work is all she has been able to obtain. She's worked in a library and as a researcher, but these have been dead-end jobs without a future.

Prior to going to Halifax, she was employed as a summer student at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto.

Lynn is glad she's had the benefit of a fine education, but she realizes it's time for her to alter lifestyle. "I would like, at some point, to return to school and study public administration, or a practical degree like an MBA."

Before leaving Toronto, she lived with her boyfriend—a graduate philosophy student—in a $187 per month one-bedroom apartment, spending her days looking for jobs and feeling rather depressed about her lack of success.

"Culture is a frill, and museologists can't find work," she says by way of explaining her predicament. "And I've just had some bad luck."

Lynn claims she'd go anywhere for a decent job, including Israel. If not for U.S. visa restrictions, she says she would job hunt in the United States.

"I feel disappointed, but I don't think the system is to blame. I'm angry at myself. Still, I feel there's a job for me out there. I don't want to be poor, and I expect to end up with a decent job."

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Avi, a 23-year-old York University graduate in urban studies, is working as a salesman at a large Toronto department store. "Practically no one in my graduating class got a job in his chosen field," he says.

"In Toronto, my chances of finding work in urban social planning are almost nil. When I started studying four years ago, job prospects were good, given the rapid pace of development. Things have slowed down. Newspaper ads demand experience. How do I get it? It's a vicious circle."

He says he's considering the management training program offered by the department store. "You've got to be flexible. You have to use your degree in whatever way you can."

Unlike Lynn, Avi is bitter. "We were used. By having encouraged us to go to university with the promise of jobs, the universities screwed us." He laughs: "I should have become a carpenter. I'm very good with my hands. In fact, I once spoke to my parents about being a carpenter. They said I was crazy. Carpenters are making good money, but my parents don't care. They want their son to be a professional."

In these days of unemployment, that is not always possible.

(Ben Lechtman photo)

Milton Friedman, executive director of the Jewish Vocational Service, discusses problems of grads with JVS counsellor Pearl Chud.

Major figure in journalism

Theodore Bernstein

Theodore (Ted) Bernstein was a major figure in a major American institution, The New York Times. For two decades, as an assistant managing editor of that well-read and prestigious publication, Bernstein exerted enormous influence on the writing, editing and display of news that The Times printed from around the world.

He was something of a taskmaster, demanding, and usually getting, accuracy, clarity and grace in reporting complex developments in national and world politics, science, economics and sociology. He was also a noted author, publishing a number of books on English usage that attracted wide attention.

A graduate of Columbia's School of Journalism, Bernstein joined The Times as a copy editor after receiving his degree in 1925. His parents had urged him to study law, but he rejected their suggestion. In 1932, he was transferred to the foreign desk and when the Second World War broke out, he was appointed cable editor at the age of 35, the youngest person to hold that job.

Bernstein directed The Time's foreign coverage during the war, and perfected a system whereby the paper could rush detailed maps of battles and troop movements into print. After the war, Bernstein was made assistant night editor with responsibilities that included helping to select and display news stories on the front page. In 1951, he was named an assistant to the managing editor, Turner Catledge, who was eager to move The Times into a future that encouraged brighter writing and editing.

Said Catledge of Bernstein years later: "Most of the changes that have brought liveliness and clarity to The Times over the last score years bear the mark of Ted's genius. He brought a new element of daring to editing the paper. He elevated the craft of copy reading and set new standards for the language."

To facilitate the changes he sought, Bernstein put out a booklet called **Winners and Sinners**. He also wrote six books, including **Watch Your Language, The Careful Writer** and **Dos, Don'ts and Maybes of English Usage**.

He retired in 1972 after having been editorial director of The Times' book division and founding editor of the now-defunct international edition of The New York Times. He wrote a special feature on language for The Times following his retirement, and served as a consultant for Random House Dictionary and American Heritage Dictionary.

When he died at 74 recently, Theodore Bernstein was something of a legend at The Times and a national figure in American journalism.

Montreal and Toronto

Working together

In the last month of 1978 JTA news releases announced for the first time in Canadian history the Jewish population of Toronto had passed that of Montreal. Toronto's margin is a slim one; only a few thousand additions to the Toronto community have turned the demographic balance.

The change is nevertheless an important one in the development of Canadian Jewry. In many ways the whole character of the latter bears the imprint of the leadership which Montreal Jewry gave to the community at large in this country.

Up until recent years the major Jewish organizations in Canada were headquartered in Montreal. The philanthropic impulses of Montreal's Jewish community were known worldwide. Jewish education from the elementary to the yeshivah level had an equally fine profile.

About 15 years ago a slight shift became noticeable in the population trends. Toronto Jewry began to grow vigorously. The increase was explained partly as a result of the economic opportunities which Ontario has been offering its constituents.

A secondary factor has been the perception among potential immigrants from abroad that Toronto provides a congenial climate not only for industry but for education, the culture and the arts. This explains in part the arrival of several thousands of South African Jews in Toronto.

The growth of the Jewish community in the Queen City can be witnessed in the building of new synagogues, the opening of kosher restaurants, the inauguration of a theatre complex in the new Jewish Community Centre and the influx of children in both afternoon and day schools. Even the volume of problems faced by the Jewish Family Services has increased dramatically.

Toronto is fortunate in that its Jewish community over the years has developed a cadre of young, resourceful leaders who are helping to meet the challenges occasioned by rapid growth in the Jewish population. In this regard the UIA has done an admirable job in recruiting and training young leaders.

Although Toronto's Jewish community has edged ahead of Montreal's in the population derby, there will continue to be a friendly rivalry between the two. Two strong Jewish centres in Canada can have only beneficial results for Canadian Jewry as a whole.

Rebuffed by Canadians, Canadian vet joined British Army

Arnhem war hero helped hundreds escape death

Leo Heaps marries Tamar, Sept. 15, 1949.

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO—

The Jewish War Veterans of Canada represents the collective voice of all Jewish war veterans who fought not only in the Canadian armed forces but also in the military service of the American, Russian, British allies as well as the Israeli army. Concerned to speak out on all issues of human and Jewish concern, the JWVC seeks to act in concert with existing Jewish organizations. One of its specific goals is to unwrap the untold story of Canadian Jewish war servicemen. In this issue, The CJN tells the story of Leo Heaps, a paratrooper, who fought with the British army.

Leo Heaps—a paratrooper who won the Military Cross, organized Israeli mobile strike units in 1948 and brought out hundreds of Hungarian refugees in 1956—is a most unorthodox kind of soldier.

Author, playwright, art dealer, Heaps won his military spurs for his bold rescue operations at Arnhem, Holland in September 1944 and for his work in the Dutch resistance.

Not the most disciplined recruit (he had a cavalier attitude towards orderly duties), he showed up in the British Army as a Canadian Army reject, and later dropped into Arnhem almost accidentally.

Nevertheless, Heaps continually rose above the organized confusion of his life to become a model of heroism.

Incongruously, Heaps was rejected as officer or infantry material by two Canadian Army officers at Camp Borden because he was "too quiet, not aggressive enough and without initiative."

"I didn't conform to the stereotype of what a soldier should be," said Heaps, who enlisted as a private in 1942 after just starting classes at Queen's University in Kingston.

Devastated by the rebuff by the Canadian Army, Heaps volunteered for the British Army, where he was quickly accepted and immediately sent out as part of the D-Day invasion on Normandy, June 6, 1944. After a short recovery from wounds, and although he was a novice paratrooper, Heaps was included in the 1st British Parachute Battalion's drop on the ill-conceived attack against Arnhem in Holland.

Arnhem was one of the most terrible military disasters of the war. In September 1944, just two months after the Normandy invasion, the Germans were retreating everywhere. Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery decided on an airborn action which would cut off the retreating German forces.

With 10,000 British troops of the 1st Army Parachute Battalion, Heaps was dropped over Holland—in the midst of a German division which had not been detected by intelligence.

"We were surrounded. It was pure chaos. Initially, my job was to find vehicles of transport for the battalion," he said. But the slaughter created such havoc, the most important priority was escape."

Amidst the chaos, Heaps emerged as a key man to work with British intelligence and the Dutch resistance. In 10 days of battle, almost 8,000 were killed, wounded or taken prisoner. The rest, somehow, had to be evacuated. Taken prisoner in the last days of the struggle, Heaps made a daring escape with two others. Rumbling along in a prisoners' cattle train toward the Dutch-German border, the escapees cut through the rotted wood of the train and plunged down an embankment. As if in some hackneyed movie scenario, Heaps recalls hearing the German guards singing "Lily Marlene."

Stealing across fields and farms, the trio finally linked up with the Dutch resistance. By this time, hundreds of other British prisoners of war were being hurriedly transported from the hospitals and camps and being sent across the border to Germany.

A bold mass escape of almost 2,000 soldiers across the Rhine was now planned, and Heaps, who made it back to Allied Lines with the help of the Dutch resistance, came back to lead several hundred escapees to safety across German lines.

Working with the Dutch underground for the rest of the war, Heaps commented that the Dutch daily risked, and in fact, gave their lives to help not only prisoners, but many Jewish families. "The Dutch were an incredibly courageous people," he said.

Remarking on the many Jews within the resistance movement, Heaps said that his pathfinder squadron (which goes in advance of the troops to lay out the dropping zone for the parachutists) was made up of German Jewish refugees.

After the war, Heaps' Ulyssean exploits continued to unfold at a rapid pace. After graduating in cinematography at the University of Southern California (he had also worked for the National Film Board of Canada before the war), he returned to Canada. In 1947, indulging an old interest in art, he opened the first gallery in Canada to specialize in Canadian art.

With the time not yet ripe for Canadian art to take its consumer place in the art world, Heaps returned to England to study at the London School of Economics. One day in 1948, as he walked through Hyde Park, he heard a powerful Jewish orator talking about Jewish statehood.

Again, leaving his studies to go to war, Heaps helped obtain three civilian aircraft for the young rag-tag Israeli army and flew over to Israel. At that time, civil war between the Haganah and the Irgun threatened to break out if the Haganah did not allow Irgun recruits aboard the ship, the Altena, to come to shore.

The first work Heaps did in Israel was to help negotiate a peace between the Haganah and the Irgun. Next, he set up mobile striking units with armored Jeeps, drawing upon his experience in the British army. He used many former terrorists, he said, all of whom were in their early 20s and later emerged as generals in the Israeli army.

Before he left Israel, at the age of 23, he married a young Sabra, Tamar. Dressed in their army uniforms, open-shirted and capped, they exchanged wedding vows under a shaky chupah and before a long, bearded rabbi.

The war over, Heaps and his young bride headed for Montreal. After 15 years of phenomenal success and failure in the building business, Heaps looked again towards England, this time as balm from financial disaster and spiritual renewal from a period he considers a personal wasteland.

In 1960, with Tamar and four young children, he decided to live and work in London. "Twice in my life," says the tall, sandy-haired Heaps, "England has given me an opportunity to start my life again. First, with the British Army. Second, with British publishing."

In England, Heaps began the writing and art careers which brought him both fame and fortune. Author of two London plays and eight books on war, politics and history, the Heaps' books became best-sellers in Europe. Abroad, he far outsold any other Canadian author.

In Canada, ironically, he was still a literary non-entity—despite the fact that his first book, **Escape from Arnhem**, written in 1945, won the Governor-General's literary award.

His most recent book, **Operation Morning Light**, the true story of the Russian satellite with 100 pounds of enriched uranium which crashed into Canada's Northwest Territories, sold 50,000 copies on its first run in Japan. **The Quebec Plot**, published by McClelland and Stewart, two years ago, is just about to become a movie.

To support his family during the early years of writing, Heaps began to deal in early paintings of Canadian landscape and and Indians by artists who arrived with British explorers, the military, and political administrators. Dispersed all over the United Kingdom, these paintings revealed glimpses of early Canadian settlement rarely seen before.

Contacting museums and galleries across Canada, Heaps became a major art contact for private Canadiana collectors and museums across Canada. His large Bathurst Street apartment has wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling paintings and sculptures that come from all across the world.

Leo Heaps was a British paratrooper.

The saga of Heaps' evolving interests and energies still continues. Head of a special rescue team organized to bring Hungarian refugees across the border in 1956, Heaps remains today an active member of an international rescue operation that is now setting up plans to bring in the displaced Vietnamese boat people.

"It often takes a while for the meaning of all my experiences to settle, sometimes decades," concludes Heaps. "After the war, it was difficult to ever return to youthful innocence. I was a very sober young man. But also, I gained enormous confidence. Nothing would ever crush me again. I've been done."

In the last federal election, a bare six weeks before the vote, Heaps ran in his Downsview riding as an NDP candidate against the Liberals' Roland de Corneille, and Rob Parker, the Progressive Conservative incumbent. It was nervy, chancy. And he lost. But that would not stop Heaps, if politics is what he wants.

Will politics, in fact, be Heaps' next venture? It would not be an unlikely development for the son of Abe Heaps, one of the leaders of the Winnipeg general strike in 1919, and CCF-MP who led major reforms in social legislation and political rights for 13 years in the federal House.

Like his father, Heaps is a rebel.

Heaps, second from right, is shown at the Hungarian border in '56. He helped refugees.

Letters to the Editor

Larry Zolf corrects misconceptions

In a recent edition of The Canadian Jewish News, I found myself singularly honored by (1) Bill McVean and (2) Sheldon Kirshner, who both zealously outdid one another in contextually distorting my piece written for the Toronto Star and printed on Canada Day 1979.

First let's clear up the debris vis-a-vis me. At no time did Mr. McVean consult me about the intent or meaning of my piece before airing his rather dubious views on Jewish behavior patterns towards Israel. When Mr. McVean obviously gave offence to the Jewish community, seemingly using my piece as his Bible, Mr. Kirshner rushed to every rabbi in town for comment; he failed to stop at Zolf's place for comment or clarification.

When I suggested to The Canadian Jewish News that they simply reprint my article so that the Jewish community could see how far from McVeanland my head space was, space problems were cited by CJN and a letter from me was instead requested.

Fine. Now a little good news. Norman May, one of the most distinguished Zionists on the continent, complimented me on the fairness and insights of the Jerusalem article I wrote for the Star. Secondly in the Star I was attacked by Arabists and anti-Semites, attacks I answered back in the full glory of print.

Now the bad news. In The Canadian Jewish News last week my article is quoted in such a way that it appears from the big type given words like "double loyalty" and "un-Canadian" that I (a) feel Jews are traitors and (b) agree with McVean.

In fact my article was written only after I had seen the barrage of letters charging that the natural Jewish affinity with Israel was double loyalty. My piece proceeded to show that Canada ever since 1867 was riddled with double loyalties and the Anglo-Canadians were the biggest offenders, witness the Irish Question, the British Connection and so on.

For the record, here is the real quote on double loyalty, a quote taken out of context by both McVean and Kirshner: "Because of Clark and Jerusalem, words like 'the Jewish vote,' 'the Jewish lobby,' 'pushy Jews' have surfaced in a flood of letters to the editors of Canadian newspapers. Let's face it: Clark's Jerusalem has centred the Canadian Jewish community out as different, as having double loyalties that make them appear un-Canadian." The simplest reading by any child would have to conclude that the obvious villain being described by me here is not me or the Jews, but our Prime Minister, Joseph Clark.

Mr. Kirshner then quotes Mr. McVean "referring to Zolf's article," to this effect: "Zolf was of course speaking of the Canadian Jew and he put his finger on something which has bothered many Canadians for a long time. How come a Jew whose ancestors have been Canadians for some centuries still feels like a citizen of Israel? Not just an ethnic or a religious Jew, but politically an Israelite. How is this possible?" There is absolutely nothing in my article whatsoever to lead McVean to such idiocies and nothing which entitles Kirshner to put me in that can of worms.

One final note: while I agree with nothing McVean says, his remarks do indicate the Jewish community has a growing public relations problem with the Gentile media community; McVean normally is a fair, liberally minded journalist without a tinge of racism. I think McVean has blundered but I'm sure when the chips are down McVean will take the road to Jerusalem and not the road to Damascus.

Larry Zolf,
Toronto

Why not there?

A recent immigrant from Russia, whom I know, asked for a visa to emigrate to Israel from Russia, and so do thousands of others, knowing in advance that their destination is North America.

In Europe, they wait a very long time for a visa to emigrate to Canada or the U.S., but do not go to Israel, as they requested in Russia. Some say "only the best Jews go to Israel," and, they do not consider themselves amongst "the best Jews." A nice slogan—which is hard to buy.

In North America, they are very flexible, ready to wash dishes, work in factories, sweep floors. However, those who do go to Israel, insist on getting large apartments, and good work; otherwise, they leave the country.

Why are they not ready to do the same in Israel, if necessary?

It's a shame that they use the name of Israel in vain. It's hypocrisy.

H. Wiedhopf,
Toronto

Misunderstanding

I was more than astonished and astounded to read the letter which was sent to you by Dr. Lawrence I. Gaum.

Knowing the devotion and the attitude of my personnel in answering telephone questions and inquiries, as well as letters from the travel industry, organizations and individuals, it is hard to believe that the incident described in his letter has really taken place as he described it.

I have had a very thorough conversation with my staff whom I trust fully and the following picture has been painted.

Either Dr. Gaum's wife or daughter telephoned to request brochures for a school project. She said we should not mail it, as someone would collect the literature.

The package of brochures was left in the security room for a few days, and when no one came for it, was forwarded by mail to: Miss Gaum at her Thornhill address. A couple of weeks after this Dr. Gaum called our office, and the above was told to him.

If in any way, or at any time, Dr. Gaum's family were offended, I hereby extend my apology.

Asher Rahav,
Director,
Israeli Government Tourist Office
Toronto

Scurrilous

The scurrilous charge against Jews living in the world's non-Jewish lands, "that they are a self-seeking dissenting Jewish block," was the main slander that the Nazis used.

Democratic centralism named us "cosmopolitan." National socialism named us "plotters." I protest that social democracy should call us "lackeys." Democratic Canadian Jews voted how they saw fit, not as a block!

Bernard Turowetz,
Toronto

Restaurants

May I draw the attention of your readers to a few inaccuracies in the kosher restaurant list of Larry Frommer, "European travel made easier;" The CJN, July 12.

The Hotel Dan is not in Lucerne (where no kosher restaurant exists) but in Lugano. The Hotel Kempler, although not in Lucerne but in Lugano, has been closed a few years now.

Some omissions: Montreux (Switzerland), Rest. Wajngort, 8 rue du Lac; London (England), Kedassia, 69 New Oxford Street (3 stars); Basel (Switzerland), Community Restaurant, Leimenstrasse 24 (3 stars).

Of course there are many more kosher restaurants in European cities like Antwerp and Brussels in Belgium, Grenoble, Strasbourg, and Marseille, in France, Mondorf (Luxemburg), etc. I would suggest that the traveller always consult the Orthodox rabbi of the city, as there might always be some changes in the supervision of a restaurant.

Herman Landau,
Toronto

Activist ailing

We would like to bring to the attention of you and your readers the deteriorating health of imprisoned Soviet Jewish activist Anatoly Scharansky.

Since his arrest over two years ago, Scharansky has been suffering severe headaches. According to recent reports these headaches have become worse and Scharansky has been experiencing pain in his eyes which prevents him from reading and writing. He has also been running a fever.

Medical supplies sent to Scharansky by his mother were returned by the Soviet prison authorities. It is obvious that he has not been receiving proper medical attention.

As members of the medical profession we deplore the treatment of Anatoly Scharansky and demand that the Soviet authorities see that he receives proper medical attention immediately.

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Montreal

Will Eliezer be jealous?

J.B. proudly introduces piratical Uncle Noosn

By J. B. SALSBERG

[First of two columns]

The time has come to own up to it. Yes, it's true; I had an uncle who was engaged in piracy. For some years he was, what may be called, a Canadian pirate in the New York area.

Shocking? Unbelievable? Yes, it may be shocking for some, but it's true. I heard it from his own lips and my Uncle Noosn rarely, if ever, lied.

He was my "feter Noosn" and I record this brief sketch of his life with respect and affection. No, no, I'm not ashamed of his activities as a pirate.

Feter Noosn's given name was Natan, but all Eastern European Jews pronounced it as Noosn, and that is the name he was known and is remembered by.

Actually he was my uncle by marriage only. He married my mother's younger sister Sheindle. But we, his nephews and nieces by marriage, felt much closer to him than we did to our aunt.

Uncle Noosn was a friendly, good-natured man with a sardonic sense of humor, who was well grounded in traditional Judaic studies. Later in life he became intimate with modern Yiddish literature. In this country he became absorbed in Canadian and international affairs. How could such a quiet and peaceful man be caught up in the web of piracy? But caught up he did become.

But those who knew him well were neither surprised nor shocked when they learned of his involvement in any way. For they knew his past.

They knew that the paths Uncle Noosn had chosen for himself in his young days were blocked by forces too powerful for him to overcome and he was compelled to pursue pathways that were not of his choosing. Call it fate, call it Kismet or call it plainly the outdated but still rigid patterns of Jewish life in the shtetle before World War I—whichever it was, it conspired to turn his youthful dreams to dust.

In his late teens the young man who was to become my uncle was "learning" in the Besmedrish (Beth Hamidrash) and helping his father in the leather "gesheft." But the young man had a passion for drawing. He designed the most beautiful patterns for tefillen and tallis bags, that mothers, sisters or brides-to-be later embroidered on velvet.

For Shevuot his drawings and paper cut-outs were prized in the community. But he also drew country scenes and he brought to life animals in gentle as well as in ferocious poses. In short, his interests were quite clearly in the direction of drawing and things artistic.

Around 1910-11 news reached the small town of Lagov that Prof. Boris Schatz established the Bezalel Art School in Haifa, Eretz Yisroel (Palestine). Young Noosn wrote to see whether he could enter that school. Bezalel asked for samples of his work. He forwarded such samples and the reply came back that the school would accept him. All this was done in utter secrecy, of course.

But when the favorable reply came, young Noosn was already formally engaged to my Aunt Sheindle. Both families were positively outraged by the news that Noosn was actually planning to go to Bezalel. So were all decent, right-thinking members of the sacred Jewish community of Lagov.

What my Aunt Sheindle, his fiancee, also in her late teens, thought of it all I never did know. But I do know that they were married as if Bezalel never existed; that World War I broke out; that they were "blessed" with children and with all the trials and tribulations of "establishing a Jewish home" in the shtetlech.

Many beautiful, youthful dreams wilted in that harsh and unfriendly soil. Bezalel became a faded dream. Life's grueling demands became the inescapable reality.

The future for Jews in reborn Poland after World War I was even less promising than it had been under the Tsars.

Uncle Noosn came to Toronto where large numbers of his and his wife's families had established themselves. Wife and children were left behind and were to be brought out as soon as he could find his footing in the new land.

After a few initial experiments the young immigrant finally landed a job in a cloak shop. Uncle Noosn became a cloak operator. Not long thereafter the family was reunited in the new world.

Thousands of Jewish immigrants followed the same route. Most of them remained lifetime workers at their newly acquired trades. Others eventually became manufacturers. Then there were those who transferred to other and more steady occupations, to escape the hardships of the long, in-between-seasons slack periods.

But that was not quite the path that Uncle Noosn chose to follow. A spark of the artistic fire that warmed him in his youth was evidently kept alive under the ashes.

Remnants of old faggots were kindled. The artistic dream of Uncle Noosn's youth stirred within him. He was resolved to explore anew the pathway that life had blocked to him so long ago.

But little did he know that the rekindled passion for the arts was to lead him to piracy. But it did, as we shall attempt to describe here next week.

Organizations and People

what's new

By MIRIAM HERMAN

KINGSTON JEWISH PAVILION

Kingston's first Jewish pavilion at that city's recent Folklore '79 was a huge success. Sponsored by the Jewish Community Council there it was set up at Beth Israel Synagogue as part of a weekend of city-wide multi-cultural exhibitions. Along with the display of books, gift items, historical and archival materials, there were songs and dances, movies, synagogue tours, the teaching of Hebrew to the crowds, kosher wines and Jewish cuisine, completely-set Shabbat and seder tables and even a chuppah.

DEMONSTRATION AT THE BOLSHOI

Prior to the July 29 evening performance of the world-renowned ballet company, the Bolshoi, a demonstration will remind the audience of the suffering of Prisoners of Conscience and political exiles in the USSR. Literature explaining the plight of both Jewish and non-Jewish prisoners of the Gulag, such as Anatoly Scharansky and Yuri Federov, will be distributed. Sponsoring organizations are Toronto Group of 35, National Council of Jewish Women and Congress Committee for Soviet Jewry. The time is 6:30 p.m. at O'Keefe Centre.

Esther Sarick

BOND ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

Prime Minister Begin has extended an urgent invitation to world-wide top community Israel Bond campaign leadership to participate in the Israel Bond Economic Development for Peace Conference being held in Israel Aug. 5-9. Esther Sarick, a member of the Campaign Cabinet will represent Toronto Israel Bonds at the conference. This conference will enable the most prominent campaign leadership to meet with top Israeli government leaders to discuss Israel's urgent economic needs resulting from the terms of the peace treaty with Egypt.

FOR SINGLES

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Young Adults Group (18-25) is having a brunch at the synagogue this Sunday, Aug. 5, at 11 a.m. followed by a trip to the zoo.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute is offering an intensive course in conversational Hebrew for adults and teenagers in September and part of October. It will be held twice a week, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 8-10 p.m. Also there are courses available in the month of August. For details, contact Joseph Klinger at 787-0197.

CAMP NAIVELT

Camp Naivelt celebrates International Year of the Child with a weekend of activities for the entire family Aug. 3-6. Programs include a children's concert, camp fire and roast, sports activities and on the holiday (Monday), a giant unbirthday party and celebration wind-up, complete with hats, balloons and entertainment.

The following Sunday, Aug. 12, the camp presents its first annual arts and crafts show, featuring many established artists and craftsmen plus a selection of handiwork by local residents. The show will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. Camp Naivelt is located on Third Line west of Brampton between Queen Street and Steeles Avenue.

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE SENIORS

Workmen's Circle Social Club meets at noon Tuesday, Aug. 7, at 471 Lawrence Ave., W. Following lunch there will be entertainment by humorist Philip Cohen and musicians Daniel and Lucy Pomerantz. Be sure to attend so that you can get in on some of the day trips and the trip to Miami. For information, call Shirley Grotell at 222-7727.

WAGMAN CENTRE GARDEN PARTY

Another seniors event is the garden party on the grounds of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., on Thursday, Aug. 9, from 4-6 p.m. with entertainment and folkdancing with Al Gladstone.

WOMEN RABBIS

The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia reports that two women received the title of rabbi at the recent graduation exercises. Nine new Reform rabbis are women, making a total of 11 new women rabbis. That means there are now 22 women ordained as rabbis — 16 Reform and six Reconstructionist.

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PROJECT SHALOM

Through a grant from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation, Project Shalom enables Baycrest Day Care members and seniors from other cultural and ethnic groups to get together. And recently, the Chinese seniors from the Mon Sheong Home for the Aged on D'Arcy Street invited the Mixed Media Club from Baycrest Day Care Service to visit and participate in a Chinese brush painting class. Twelve members and two workers made the trip. Baycrest is returning the hospitality this month.

Deep in thought, visitors to last year's book fair peruse its offerings. This year's runs Dec. 8-16.

Organizers start to draw up plans for Jewish Book Fair

By VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

Plans for the 3rd annual Jewish Book Fair are underway as organizers prepare for one of North America's prestigious educational and cultural Jewish book marts.

Jewish Book Fair '79, to be held Dec. 8-16 at the Jewish Community Centre, will feature books of Jewish relevance for all ages, coupled with author-related events sponsored by 25 participating organizations.

The significance of this year's theme, "Bringing Jews and Books Together," is described by Roberta Bucovetsky, Book Fair chairman, this way:

"Our aim is to reach out to all segments of Toronto's Jewish community, bringing together Jews from the Soviet Union, South America and Sephardi communities as well as embracing our own."

If last year's fair can serve as an example statistics show that more than 12,500 people took part in the nine-day event. More than 8,000 books were sold in either English, Yiddish or Hebrew of which close to half were for children. The fair offered 37 separate events, ranging from adult seminars to programs for school classes and large assemblies for noted authors.

Other highlights were: a display of large print books and reading aids for the visually handicapped; an art display, featuring local artists; a selection of old Haggadahs; 18 basic books for a Jewish household, and 16 special programs for children in public schools, day schools and congregational schools.

"And this year it promises to be even better," concedes Mrs. Bucovetsky, who is busily coordinating all the details — from book selection to publicity, programming to artistic displays. And the list goes on.

The upcoming Fair will take on greater dimension with programs focussing in two directions: the Holocaust and youth. A photo display of our Jewish roots is also planned.

But the highlight will be on Sunday, Dec. 16, the last day of the Fair, which will culminate with a Chanukah festival where "Chanukah-related books and music will be stressed."

Yet all this couldn't be done without the firm backbone of a volunteer corps, said Mrs. Bucovetsky. More than 200 volunteers are donating their time, with an additional 25 "professional volunteers" who offer a myriad of knowledge in such fields as public relations, publishing, library science, teaching and writing.

"And we need many more volunteers," she urged, "particularly in the setting up of physical and artistic displays."

Anyone interested is asked to contact Gail Benick, co-ordinator, Jewish Book Fair '79, at 636-1880 ext. 65.

'1980 UJA campaign critical'—chairman

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In the business world, Goldenberg is a partner in a family business, the Evergreen Holding Group, with his father-in-law David Merkur and his brothers-in-law, Julie Hanson and Edwin Merkur. His brother Sheldon is an official of the company.

Evergreen is mainly a construction and property management company but a few years ago, when the building business slowed down, the company decided to diversify and is now involved with a number of varied enterprises: Interbranch International Mint, which makes commemorative medals; Bathurst Sales, cosmetics distributor; Scanex International, which makes security equipment; Radiant Beauty Supplies and CanRad, cosmetics and beauty supply jobbers; Controlled Media Corp., a sales promotion company. (The mint struck a special medal in honor of the Camp David agreement and this was distributed to guests at last year's UJA dinner attended by Prime Minister Begin.)

The Evergreen group has just moved into new premises on Norfinch Drive, in Downsview.

Goldenberg, a chartered accountant by profession, was born in Walkerton, Ont., and the family moved to Toronto when he was still a child. He attended school here and, on graduation from Vaughan Collegiate Institute, he apprenticed with the William Eisenberg Co., taking his accountancy course from Queens University. On graduation in 1958, he joined the Eisenberg company as a partner. He moved to the Meridian Building Group in 1965 and in 1973 organized the Evergreen company.

Goldenberg played football while in school but now confines his athletic activities to golf and tennis. He is a member of Oakdale and of the York Racquets Club where he is rated as an "A" player. He is married, with four children—Linda Paris, Steven, Neil and Risa. With wife Naomi, they attended Beth Sholom Synagogue.

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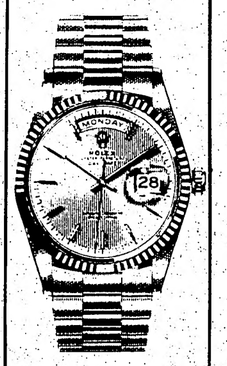

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Another young athlete in the news is **Jon Schachter**, formerly of Montreal now in Toronto, who won the Mister Transmission Mayfair Valley Class A Tennis Championship (a $400 prize). Jon had represented Canada on the tennis team in the 1977 Maccabiah Games. He is in his early 20s.

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Newly appointed co-ordinator of the Jewish Book Fair, **Gail Benick**, brings a successful academic career and a broad knowledge of publishing to Book Fair '79. A native of St. Louis, Mo., she holds a masters degree in history from the City University of New York and lectured extensively on modern Europe there. Before coming to Toronto, Ms. Benick was an editor at the New York-based publishing firm of Holmes and Meier where she created and headed the Judaica section. She is married to Myer Siemiatycki, a lecturer for Ryerson Open College.

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The works of the 10 winners of the CBC Literary Competition are being presented on CBC Radio's **Anthology** series broadcast Saturdays at 10:05 p.m. **Helen Weizweig**'s winner, **The Homecoming**, is scheduled for reading on the Aug. 4 program. The Polish-born author, who came to Canada at an early age and now lives in Toronto, is a 'late bloomer'—she didn't begin to write until her mid-40s when she first tried her hand at short stories. **The Homecoming** is an adaptation of a longer work, **Basic Black With Pearls**, to be published by the House of Anansi. Her novel, **Passing Ceremony**, was published in 1973.

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There's a new addition to the family of CJN columnist **Meir Gottesman** and his wife **Susan**—son **Baruch Simcha** was born Saturday night, July 21, at the Mount Sinai Hospital.

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Among the 11 students of the Smushkin School of Figure Skating to return from the recent figure skating competition in Evanston, Ill., with well-earned medals were **Sheri and Anna Betel**. The two daughters of **Murray and Mary Betel** —Sheri is 12, Anna, 7—came home with gold medals from their freestyle events, plus a bronze for Sheri in interpretive skating. The school, based at Chesswood Arena, in Downsview, is run by **Yasha Smushkin**, a recent Jewish immigrant from the Soviet Union where he had been an Olympic figure skating coach. Incidentally, Sheri and Anna are the granddaughters of **Jacob and Clara Egit** and **Esther and Joseph Betel**.

Sheri and Anna Betel

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Brickmans pack one-two punch at local, international swim meets

—By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO —

The youngster was only five years old, and his parents were taking him on one of his first summer vacations. The family was at the summer home of friends, just relaxing and taking it easy. Then it happened: the five year old was tossed from a raft and nearly drowned.

Michael Brickman's parents decided the accident was too close for comfort and when they returned to Toronto they enrolled their son in a Red Cross swimming class.

Michael was a natural in the water, and by the time he was nine, he was showing promise as a speed swimmer. Following the encouragement of his instructors, Michael joined the North York Athletic Club, swimming three days a week for 1½ hours after school.

"That lasted for about six months," Michael, now 14 says, "then I started swimming five times a week." Michael's prowess in the pool soon encouraged his younger brother Allan, 12, to begin swimming competitively, too.

The brothers now pack one of the finest one-two punches in swim meets held locally and internationally. In fact, during a recent competition, the brothers came home with 13 medals between them.

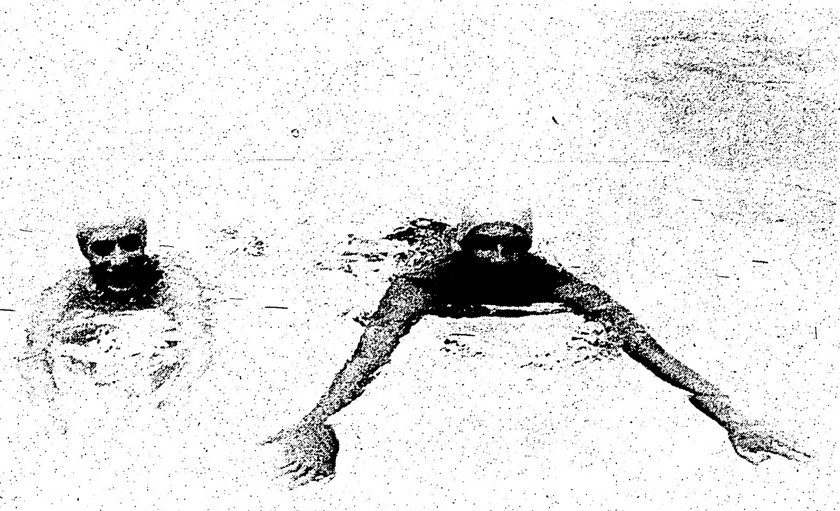
To the average person, competitive swimming is probably one of the toughest grinds imaginable. During the school year they get up at 4:45 in the morning, have a drink of bananas, eggs, milk and honey and head off to their morning workout, 18 miles from their home. Michael isn't joking when he says, "You have to enjoy it or you can't do it."

For the pleasure of the 6 a.m. workouts, the boys' parents pay $550 for each son. That includes coaches' fees, travelling to meets, pooltime and equipment. But it pays off. They've had nice trips in the past and there is also a good chance they will be representing Canada in the 1984 Olympics and in the '81 Maccabiah.

During all this time of competing against others, Michael and Allan have developed a natural sibling rivalry. Recently Michael was boasting that "when I was 11 and 12, I had the Canadian record, he, Allan, didn't."

But it's just good-natured kidding, part of the game, really. Because all in all, swimming is really a family affair with the Brickmans. The boys' younger sisters, Fagie, 10, and Shulie, 5, are both swimmers. The parents, Uri and Marilyne, are both swimmers. And whenever there's a meet in Ontario or Quebec the entire family packs up into their station wagon and heads off to cheer Michael and Allan on. "We make a weekend of it," Marilyne says. "I usually serve coffee to the officials and do some marshalling. But when the boys are in the water, everything stops.

"My doctor tells me I have nodules on my vocal chords from yelling, 'go Michael go' and 'go Allan go'."



(Ben Lechtman photo)

Allan, left, and Michael Brickman take a moment off from their rigorous training to smile at photographer.

Jewish mathematicians lose their rights in USSR

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Vinogradov and Pontryagin are on the National Committee of Soviet Mathematicians organized in the '60s to control the international contacts of Soviet mathematicians. The committee effectively prevents trips abroad by Jewish scientists even when such trips have been approved by the employing institution and the government. Before the Nice Congress of 1970, Jewish mathematicians were able to send scientific papers by mail even if they were not allowed to attend conferences, but Vinogradov has even brought a stop to this small recognition. In 1970, there were, for example, in one issue of Mathematicheskii Sbornik, 38 articles of which 20 were written by Jewish scientists. In 1975, of 34 articles, only 3 were written by Jews. By 1977, of 29 articles, none were written by Jews. Manuscripts by Jews are often rejected even when they were prepared at the request of the publisher.

Proposals to invite contributions for the **Mathematical Encyclopedia** from Jewish authors are rejected by editors consistently and with doubtful pretexts. Even references to Jewish authors are eliminated.

Discrimination against Ukrainian Jewish youth since the '40s has been dramatic. In 1948, half the student body of Odessa Institute of Telecommunication was Jewish. By 1952, Jews were only 4% of the entering class.

The role of Moscow University in preparing mathematicians is of national importance. Among graduates in 1964, 84 out of 410 were identified as Jews in their passports. (Soviet passports carry ethnic identification.) From 1968-1970, discrimination increased dramatically, with only two to four Jews being admitted in the entering class of 400-500 annually, those admitted usually having influential family or friends. Rejected regularly are winners of high mathematics awards and graduates of special mathematical high schools which are reputedly "breeding grounds of liberalism."

Written and oral entrance exams are rigged to give Jews unanswerable or terribly difficult problems. Gifted youth turned down by Moscow University enter either the Institute of Electronics or the Institute of Transportation until recently, but in the past few years, even these schools are rejecting Jews.

On the graduate level, until the late '60s, dissertations were defended without discrimination, and usually were successful and degrees confirmed. But in recent decades, doctoral dissertations by Jews, especially in theory of functions and cybernetics, were sent out for further review, extending the review period to six or more years; and after all this psychological torture, candidates were frequently rejected. Many famous Soviet mathematicians for this reason have no doctoral degree.

Outstanding scientists are excluded from degree-awarding committees and political individuals are substituted. When a dissertation of a Jewish scholar is admitted for defense, the thesis may be rejected even when it is original and of great merit.

Can the United States influence Soviet internal policy? Dzherman Gvishiani, deputy chairman of the State Committee on Scientific Technology told visiting United States journalists in Moscow that the Soviet Union would never accept interference in internal affairs. Speaking in November, 1978, he hardly disguised his contempt for President Carter's human rights campaign. Soviet society's whole idea, he said "was to give equal rights to all human beings." He urged that America and the Soviet Union should expand co-operation in nuclear problems, in generating energy, disposal of nuclear wastes and exploitation of oceans.

"We have," he said, "over 1.3 million workers engaged in research and we are capable of finding solutions to every major technological problem by ourselves."

Commemoration of the execution of Soviet writers

TORONTO —

The annual commemoration of the "Execution of the Soviet Yiddish Writers" will take place at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Tues. Aug. 14, at 8:00 p.m.

Heading the program is Dr. William Korey, international director of research, B'nai B'rith, probably the world's foremost authority on Soviet anti-Semitism.

A talk in Yiddish on the writers Markish, Bergelson, Kvitko, and Kulbach, to name but a few, will be delivered by Joseph Kligman, principal of the Borochov Schools of Toronto.

Paul Kligman, noted Canadian actor, will read selected poems from the writings of the murdered poets. Peretz Miransky, well-known Canadian Yiddish poet will read from his own works.

The program is under the joint sponsorship of the Committee for Yiddish, Canadian Jewish Congress, and Committee for Soviet Jewry, Central Region.

HEBREW U AWARD

Hebrew University President Dr. Avraham Harman presents scroll to Mrs. Pearl Rose marking dedication of the Louis and Pearl Rose program in medical sociology at HU. At right, is her son Jack; at left, Dr. Ralph Halbert, president of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew U. Joyous festivities marked the dedication.

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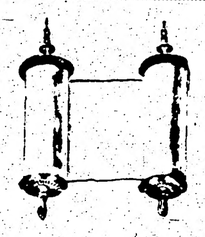

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Va'Etchanan/Shabbat Nachamu
Weekly Halacha: Every Jew should dedicate 10% of his net income to charity.

People are just people. The challenge of a Jew is to rise above himself into something great.

Reb Chaim Brisker once attended a conference of religious Jews. When he saw all the politicking going on behind the scenes, he was very disappointed.

"Now I understand," he said, "why the **Peskita** comments on the verse, **'Hay'asfu**...Gather together and I will tell you what will happen in the end of days (Genesis 49:1)', that the word 'gather together' means 'purify yourself'. What does gathering together have to do with being pure?

"But now I see. Every pious Jew is pure — when he is by himself. By let him get together at a conference like this, and he can fall into the same back-biting and **lashon horah** like anyone else! Purify yourself! A Jew must be able to keep his piety even under the severest challenge..." (Fun Unzer Alten Oitzer)

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That is the hardest job. Anyone can sit a few hours a day and become a great scholar. It's not difficult to learn how to keep the various mitzvahs.

What's hard is to become a true **Ish Elokim,** a holy person. A mentch, and yet more than a mentch.

G-d promised to drive out "wicked nations, greater and mightier than you **mee'panecha** — from before you..."

"**Mee'panecha** has two meanings — "from before you," and also "from your face." The almighty made a double promise. If the Jews stayed loyal to Him, serve Him, He will drive away all the nations who threaten them.

But that's not enough. He made a second promise. He will wipe away the "wickedness of the nations" from our **face**. A Jew must have a Jewish face. A face that shows caring, humility modesty. A Mentchleche face, an honest face, a human face — and yet also a glimmer of a **malach's** face also.

But it doesn't happen by itself. A Jew has to be the opposite of a Dorian Grey. Dorian Grey destroyed his image by wickedness. A Jew has to make his face shine with good deeds, kindness and holiness.

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Reb Meir of Premishlan could read a person's character from his face. When a Jew entered his room, he didn't have to tell the Rebbe anything. Reb Meir could already read his transgressions.

But he had to prepare himself. Once a great sinner came in unexpectedly, and Reb Meir fainted. When they revived him, he explained: "When he came in, he looked to me like a **chaya**, a wild beast, and I was frightened."

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How do you get a beautiful face? With love. They once asked Reb Yehudah Tzvi of Stretin: "Rabbi, you have an amulet for everything. What's the amulet for loving G-d?"

"He answered: "Love your fellow Jew, and you'll come to love G-d."

The Torah commands to place a mezuzah on the doorpost that reads: "Shema Yisrael...Hear, O Israel, the L-rd our G-d, is One..." Why at the doorpost? And why just "Shema Yisrael?"

But it teaches — a poor man knocks on the door for help. The rich man inside says, "why should I bother?" The poor man trembles, "what right to I have to ask for charity?"

But there is the mezuzah — "Hear, O Israel, the L-d our G-d is One." The same G-d who made the rich man created the poor man. They are both in His hands. Who has a right to be selfish, to put on a sour face?

May we all have G-dly faces. Amen. Shabbat Shalom.

Beautiful images from horrible thoughts

Holocaust influences sculptor's work

By MURRAY MALKIN

TORONTO — The man is 80 years old, and his movements have slowed down quite a bit recently because of a stroke. But his mind is an active one, still full of ideas and thoughts. It is also full of images, horrible images, images of the Holocaust.

In 1939 he was living in Warsaw and fled to Russia but he saw enough of the Nazi horrors to have had an indelible effect on his brain. Through his work as a sculptor, Harry Ostrzega will not allow us to forget the war years and the destruction that occured from 1939 to 1945.

Ostrzega does his work from a cluttered studio apartment. It is the kind of place one would imagine a typical artist to work from. The room is crammed with a bed, a tiny kitchen, shelves full of old books, newspapers and magazines, a large old desk and pails full of clay that will eventually become a work of art.

As a child Ostrzega often visited an uncle, in Poland, who was a sculptor, and was attracted "by the beauty of his work." He knew that he, too, wanted to sculpt. "I had a desire to create. I wanted to express myself." And as simply as that his career in sculpting began.

Naturally, the war interrupted his work, but upon fleeing to Russia Ostrzega was still able to work with his hands. Temporarily his medium became papier mache: he secured work with a Russian theatre, building props and ornaments. "I liked that very much," he said. "It was close to my work.

"But then the Nazis came and I had to leave everything. I came back to Poland, but soon left for Israel," he recalled. "It was too hard to live in Israel and in 1952 I came to Canada."

Ostrzega's wife was killed during the war. He was separated from his family, but following the war's end he located his daughter, Sarah. Together, they made their way to Canada.

In Canada, Ostrzega worked as an assistant foreman for Tip Top Tailors in the day time, but at night he would sculpt. "I would work until I got tired. I used to work day and night," he said. "I didn't need to sleep. I would sculpt, I wouldn't even sketch an idea. There was no time to sketch."

He said he found the work relaxing and satisfying. "To me it was like somebody who needed bread to satisfy a hunger."

Ostrzega's works are extremely moving and it is a surprise to find such magnificent works of art in such a tiny apartment. For the art lover it's much like a food lover discovering one day that a tiny restaurant around the corner makes the best hamburger in town.

All of his works are first modeled in clay, taking on average six months to complete. He then casts in fibre glass and uses paint to give the works the look of metal. A number of his completed works have been on display in Toronto synagogues and one was on show in the lobby at a Toronto theatre during the performances of the play **Children of Night.**

Ostrzega is now hoping all the works can be displayed at the Baycrest Centre. He wants people to see his work, to remember the Holocaust. That is his recurring theme.

"I cannot do anything else."

(Ben Lechtman photo)

80-year-old sculptor Harry Ostrzega puts finishing touches on a recent bust. His Holocaust depictions are enormously moving.

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Righteous Gentiles found in Judaica collections

stamps

By CHAIM YEHUDA

My collection of "Judaica" includes stamps depicting righteous Gentiles who have provided strong support to Jewish causes. One prominent example is Emile Zola, the famous French writer who publically defended Captain Alfred Dreyfus. On February 4, 1967, France released a slate-blue and blue stamp for 30 cents plus 10 cents surtax honoring Zola. (Many countries, especially Western European, issue special stamps with a surtax for national charities.)

Zola, who was born in Paris in 1840, became a notable literary columnist and art critic as a young man. During his lifetime he contributed to French literature several plays, important articles, and in particular many period novels about French society as he saw it. He is considered one of the greatest realists of his time, an "illusionist" who believed that true artistic originality can be best achieved by a rejection of tradition and a total submission to life as it exists; reality should be approached through science. He defined art as "nature seen through a temperament."

Zola's famous group of novels **Les Rougon-Macouart** depicts the decaying French society during the Second Empire. Although his works include some unattractive Jewish characters, they are fairly balanced with at least equally unattractive non-Jewish counterparts. However, Zola wrote a series of articles in **Le Figaro** during 1896-97 defending Jews. He soon became involved in the Dreyfus Affair and, in 1898 published a letter in the radical daily **L'Aurore**, addressed to the French President, beginning, "J'accuse."

Zola explained many irregularities in the Dreyfus trial which achieved its purpose of reopening this case and the eventual complete vindication of Dreyfus. However, Zola's charges against the government led to his prosecution with a verdict imposing jail and a fine. A second trial was held but Zola did not appear, having accomplished his goal; he went to England until he was later granted amnesty.

Emile Zola was a humanitarian socialist who believed that the Dreyfus Affair was part of a conspiracy of army officers and clericalists aiming at overthrowing the Republic. His further writings on this subject included **Lettre a la Jeunesse** and **La Verite en Marche.** He felt that anti-Semitism would disappear with the departure of ignorance and superstition.

It is believed that Zola wanted to visit the Holy Land to write a novel about Zionism. However, this was never accomplished, as he died of asphyxiation in 1902. Some say this was the work of a reactionary fanatic.

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The congregation of the Moscow Synagogue was informed of this unprecedented step in the sermon delivered in Yiddish by Rabbi Arthur Schneier, the minister of the Manhattan Park East Synagogue, who is president of the New York-based Appeal of Conscience Foundation.

Schneier was notified of the Soviet decision during his visit to the Council for Religious Cults, the Soviet government agency which supervises the affairs of all religious denominations in the country except the Russian Orthodox church.

A Moscow synagogue official told the JCNS by telephone from the Soviet capital that the students selected for training at Yeshiva University are Boris Gramm, who is in his third year at Moscow Yeshiva, and Isaak Fuchs, who recently arrived at the Yeshiva.

They are both in their early 30s. Grumm, married with one child, is a graduate of Rostov-on-Don University. Fuchs, who is married with three children, is a graduate of a Kiev technical college.

It is understood that both men will be going to New York without their families. Schneier told them: "The burden of history is upon you and upon us. If this works out well, it will open up many other possibilities for strengthening the continuity of Jewish religious life in your country."

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Stereotypes of old and young break down in bingo at park

By BEVERLEY STERN

The day was ideal. The notion was idyllic.

At first, the 30 kids and the 30 older people just warily eyed each other in their separate groups. The kids, ages six to 12, and the seniors, 60 plus, were going to play bingo in Earl Bales Park on a sunny afternoon under blue skies.

About 15 minutes later, whether it was the sun or the game or the thrill of winning, the reserve melted away. The Pop Shoppe man gave away free drinks. A cornucopia of sponges, toys, oven mitts and other prizes donated by Woolco, K-Mart and Simpson-Sears spilled over the tables on to the grass.

Maybe it wasn't Las Vegas, but the action was the same.

The program was an inter-generational project dreamed up by a Jewish senior citizens' group, the Centre for Creative Living, in co-operation with North York's Department of Parks and Recreation. The Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation helps fund.

Inter-generational programming is an old idea dressed up in modern clothes. Based on the pre-industrial tradition of the extended family where family kin slept, ate, worked and played together, inter-generational contact aims to break down the artificial barriers of communication that emerged with the growth of the nuclear family.

"The disappearing grandparent phenomenon meant that the old and young were cut off," said Elaine Zeligman, a co-ordinator of the project.

"All kinds of negative stereotyping arose," she continued. "Kids looked upon older people as sick, grumpy, bossy. The older, on the other hand, regarded the younger generation as spoiled, rowdy and mannerless.

"We tried to design programs where young and old can participate equally without authoritarian or competitive tensions. The stress is on learning by inter-acting with one another," commented the young summer student who is entering her second year of the master's program in social work at the University of Toronto.

The inter-generational project has two dimensions: recreational and educational.

With Laura Garton, community co-ordinator for North York's Parks and Recreation, Elaine has planned Tuesday afternoon summer programs that will bring the generations together for not only bingo, but folk-dancing, crafts, puppet-making and a musical jamboree.

The recreational program is designed to run until the middle of August and is open to all. After the bingo game, everyone had so much fun that the next time around children vowed to bring their grandparents, and the seniors looked forward to coming with their grandchildren.

"The inter-generational project is the first ongoing program for Metro Toronto's parks and recreational areas, and we hope it will become integrated into future planning," remarked Ms. Zeligman.

Other inter-generational recreational events included the Earl Bales' Canada Day All-Day Picnic where politicians and North York residents of all ages joined together for food, games and ethnic dances.

Last week, a performing group of adults, all over 65, called Doris' Musical Show appeared at the Centre for Creative Living before a group of 35 children from a summer English as a Second Language program at Faywood Public School. The young critics were overwhelmed. They wrote letters of praise asking for more of the same.

"I like the way you treat us," one wrote. "At first, I thought you ladies could not do such wonderful things. You are good dancers and ukelele players."

Besides recreational activities, the Centre for Creative Living is also developing a senior tutoring program for children which will not only operate privately but also within classrooms at school.

Senior tutoring is a concept that excites parents and school administrators alike. In North York, up until now, schools have had mothers who act as teaching assistants, but so far, no senior citizens.

Rebecca Mitchell, 76, a small, twinkling-eyed, energetic lady who, in her day, ran Young Judea groups and organized a Girl Guides program in the synagogues and schools around Harbord Street, again broke new ground when she offered to help out in the kindergarten of a neighborhood school last year.

"This year, I'm promoted," she joked. "I teach grade 2."

Privately, "Aunt Beck," as Rebecca's young students call her, also coaches three children individually in her home one day a week. "The home environment is quieter and less disruptive than the school classroom," she said. "When the children get tired, I give them cookies and milk, or we play the piano, and sometimes, we swim."

Rebecca's friends, Hilda Gertner and Rose Dodokin, liked what she was doing, and followed suit. Pretty soon, others started calling. A working committee to co-ordinate senior tutors and school placement is now being set up.

There is no charge for the senior tutoring. It is an act of love as well as an activity that brings pleasure and fulfilment to seniors who have the time, patience and skills to teach, said Rebecca.

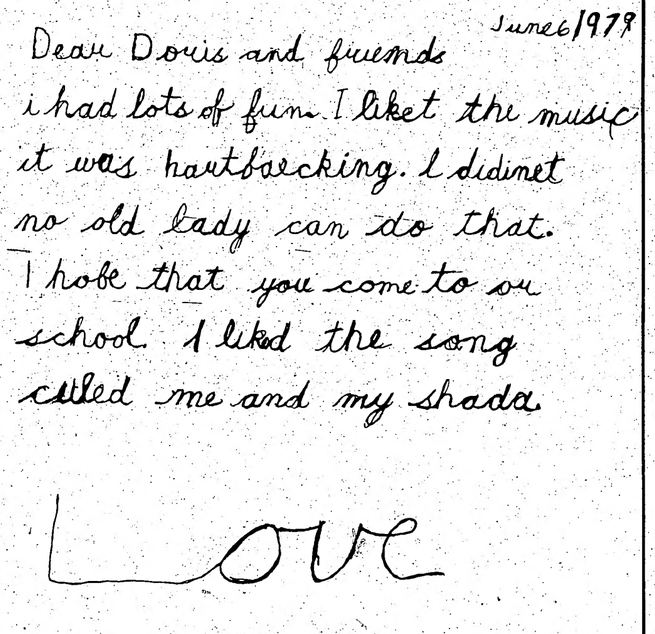
"There are a lot of young children who have learning problems because of broken homes, emotional or physical disabilities, or because they are newly arrived immigrants who do not speak the language," she continued.

"Race, color or religion do not matter. We will teach anyone that needs help," she confirmed.

The Centre, where Rebecca is an active member, is not just another euphonious name. Besides the inter-generational programming, the group runs a daily program that regularly brings out its members come rain, shine, sleet or snow.

Outstanding in the range and quality of cultural, religious, recreational and physical fitness programs it offers to its 1,700 members, the Centre works under the umbrella of the Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly, which acts on behalf of all Toronto's non-institutionalized elderly.

The Centre is also linked up with other local and provincial senior adult groups, and has its own volunteer centre which helps place members in jobs in the community.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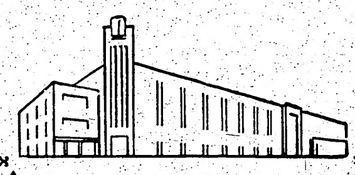

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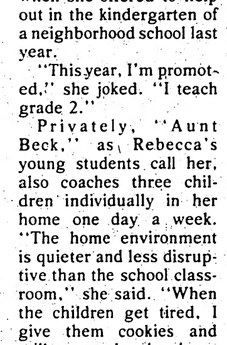

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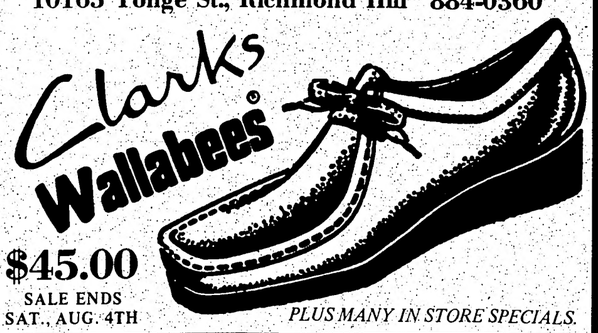

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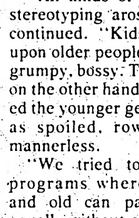

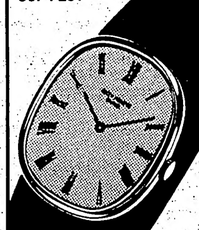

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The sultry, slinky form of Russian-Jewish singer Aelita is making unforgettable impressions in her newly adopted home town, Toronto.

Top Russian songstress in Toronto thrills audiences in 14 languages

music

By RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO—
One of the best Russian Jewish songstresses in the world today—Aelita—is currently living in Toronto.

Born in Riga, and seriously studying music throughout her youth, Aelita (nee All Futingof) began her professional career by winning a talent contest in Moscow at the age of 15. She quickly achieved nationwide fame via 15 solo concerts backed up by the Via Jazz '66 ensemble. Simultaneously, she was the star of the musical comedy **Somewhere in the Streets of Riga** and played major roles in two movies.

Although the Soviet government allowed her to perform music developed by Black Americans, it was against regulations for her to sing music of her own Jewish heritage. "There was no Jewish life in Russia; no individuality," she said.

Joining an underground group to learn about Jewish culture, cultivating Yiddish songs she had learned as a child from her grandmother, Aelita became determined to leave Russia. She arrived in New York, and cried for joy when she saw old people reading Yiddish and Anglo-Jewish newspapers on the subway. She had never seen a Jewish newspaper before.

She was soon performing in leading nightclubs and on radio-TV specials. She gave numerous benefit concerts for Soviet Jewry and for all of the other major Israeli-oriented and Jewish fundraising organizations together with such luminaries as Sam Levenson, The Barry Sisters, and Israel's U.S. Ambassador Jacob Barmore. She performed at concerts where Henry Kissinger was present and where former Mayor Abe Beame spoke.

Aelita possesses an instant, instinctive theatrical flair. Thus, she dramatizes every song which she performs; conveying a natural feeling of intense empathy with her audience, causing them to become instantly involved in her emotionalism. Secondly, she is amazingly versatile. Performing in 14 languages, she has mastered all of the North American urban pop forms as well as that of classic theatre (such as the music of Cole Porter).

And she remains true to her credo of authentic Jewish soul expression. She is determined to preserve Yiddish culture. After being deprived for so many years in Russia to speak and to read Yiddish, Aelita, whose Yiddish repertoire is extensive, is proud to convey Yiddish in all of its original youthful earthy vitality. And so, she is an ideal vehicle for not only preserving Yiddish today, but also in immortalizing both the actual language and its basic earthy spirit for future Jewish generations.

Since coming to Toronto to live, Aelita has been in increasing demand throughout Canada and has been performing more and more frequently and at higher visibility. She was a hit at the Leah Posluns Theatre 31st Yom Ha'atzmaut festival on May 20 (where she co-starred with Ron Eliran), and duplicated this success at the CHIN International Picnic, where she was introduced by Toronto's grande dame of Yiddish, Chaya Luxenburg. Performing in all milieu with her own trio, Aelita, whose concerts have raised over $1 million for Israel, enhances Jewish life wherever she is. Toronto Jewry should consider itself extremely fortunate that Aelita, a singer of first-rate world stature, is now living here.

'The Powers That Be'

Fascinating analysis of communications

book review

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Powers That Be
By David Halberstam
Random House of Canada

This ambitious and fascinating analysis of the rise and influence of four giant American communication empires is brilliant, anecdotal, exuberant—and often exciting.

The resourceful and courageous journalist who in **The Best and the Brightest** gave us the fullest and most reasonable account of how the United States became enmeshed in Vietnam, now reveals how Time Magazine, CBS, the Washington Post, and the Los Angeles Times achieved their present eminence. Along the way he reminds us of their ability to influence our lives, to create and manipulate public opinion, even to make or break presidents. (He omits the New York Times because it has already been extensively examined and also because "I don't want to write at length about an institution where I worked and about which my own feelings are so personal and ambivalent.")

Five years in the making, a stupendous feat of research, **The Powers That Be** roams freely and knowledgeably over the signal political and journalistic events of our era. All the major newsmakers and news-shapers are present, from the owners—Henry Luce, William Paley, Philip and Catherine Graham and the Chandler family—to such familiar media voices as Edward R. Murrow, Walter Cronkite and James Reston.

The canvas is vast and the characters are legion. Although the book tends to move quickly from one subject to another and is sometimes marred by repetition, the reader, nevertheless, is carried along by a rich narrative that is laced with wit and beguiling behind-the-scenes material. We get a glimpse of how the leaders of the press, radio and TV operate, participate in the power plays and share backroom secrets and decisions. In all of this there is a sense of history and a renewal of awareness and insight about some of the axial events of our time.

The author is a political liberal and tends, of course, to portray Luce, Joseph McCarthy and Nixon as villains. Luminaries such as Murrow, Cronkite and Theodore White are depicted as men of quiet courage and distinction.

But anyone who writes a work of this kind filled with sketches of the great and near great, attempting historical perspective and a personal analysis of political events is going to end up with a subjective and passionate work. Halberstam is undoubtedly on the side of the angels; there is no question about his concern for decency, fair play and freedom.

Already a controversial best seller, this book is enriched with a fine bibliography and index. Unhappily no specific references are supplied for much of the sensational material presented.

The Powers That Be will be of interest to anyone who is both entranced as well as concerned by the power of the media and who would like to know how the giant empires were formed and the persons and emotions that make them tick.

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Cree keep teacher warm in cold North

By BEVERLEY STERN

Next year in Pickle Lake. This year in Fort Severn. The year before in Jerusalem.

From 50 degrees below to 100 degrees above, in between freezing and melting, Miriam Gersonde wears the hats of a teacher and archeologist.

The plucky blonde mother of three, originally from Toronto, and after eight years of aliyah in Israel, went to Fort Severn, the northernmost settlement in Ontario on the shores of Hudson Bay, last Fall to teach Cree children in grades 3, 4 and 5.

A graduate in archeology from the University of Toronto, she worked for Israeli museums and the Israeli department of antiquities. Hired by the Ontario Department of Indian Affairs because of her professional background as well as her master's thesis on the James Bay Cree peoples, Ms Gersonde was the only Jew in a village of 250 people.

Three teachers, a Pentacostal minister and his wife, and a Hudson's Bay representative, were the only white people in what Gersonde described as "a very religious community of sincere, loving Christians."

Mentioning that an Anglican minister visits once a month, and a Catholic priest, three or four times a year, Gersonde says that the religious activities formed the core of social and musical gatherings three and four times a week.

Her only contact with the outside Jewish world in this community 1,400 kilometres northwest of Toronto, was The CJN (which she read avidly, she says), and Kol Israel, the Israel radio program which broadcasts three times a day in Hebrew and English.

Miriam Gersonde poses with an Ojibway Indian from Ogoki reserve and his baby.

Gersonde, who speaks fluent Hebrew, taught a class of 19 children in English, writing, and arithmetic as well as native studies. The Fort Severn school had 75 students all together.

"The children love learning about their own culture and history, and these subjects form the context for learning reading and language skills," she added.

Affirming a love and respect for the Cree people, who took her in as one of their own, Gersonde praised their "openess, honesty, gentleness and humor. Although initially shy and quiet," she remarked, "they are warm and caring. They do not have the hardness of city people.

"Every evening, groups of three and four would come to visit. They knew that I would feel lonely," she says, "and they always came to keep me company. They taught me how to bead mittens, purses and shoes as well as how to tan leather. I learned some Cree language, and in return I told them stories about Israel and showed them how to do the hora," she continues.

"The Cree were very curious about Judaism, and they enjoyed my apples and honey on Rosh Hashanah, the lighting of the Chanukah candles as well as the Shabbos candles."

Life in the small Cree community of trappers and hunters has been revolutionized by the snowmobile, she notes. Before, about 10 or 15 years ago, small family units used to go out and live on the trap lines so they could all be together.

"The snowmobile has made it possible for the men to go out and trap for two to three weeks instead of going for the whole winter. Now, the families live in town," she explains.

The Cree built their own wooden pre-fab homes given to them by the Department of Indian Affairs. With the men busy trapping for beaver, muskrat, lynx, wolf and polar bear (within the limits set by Canadian wildlife laws), the women cut much wood, melt snow for drinking water and are busy with their handicrafts.

In the future, hopes Gersonde, the Cree are looking forward to establishing their own tanning industry as well as manufacturing goosedown quilts and pillows.

Above all, emphasized Gersonde, the North needs cheap transportation. Right now, Fort Severn is only accessible by air, although a supply barge comes in once a year by Hudson Bay.

Socially, the Cree love to congregate, dance and watch films. Commercial movies are expensive at $3 and $3.50 for admission. Luckily, the National Film Board offers productions at no cost at all.

Because they voted themselves a "dry" community, alcoholism is no problem at all. The community is also free of delinquency and family breakdown such as divorce. Gersonde can recall only one marriage breakup.

Children readily take their place in the adult community, accepting such family chores as snaring rabbits and babysitting. Recreationally, besides snowmobiling, there is a brief period of ice-skating in the fall, but generally it is too cold to continue the sport.

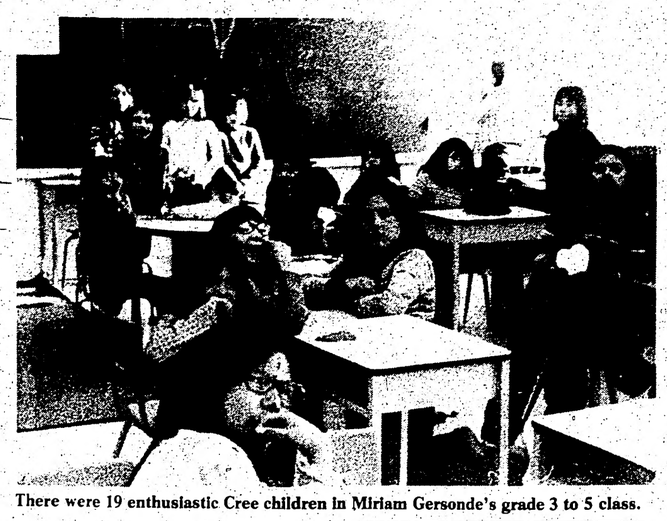
The freezing temperatures really do not bother Gersonde. "It is glorious up here," she insists. "The cold is not so bad because it is dry. From August to April, there are blue, blue skies and it is clear and sunny."

She raves about the magnificent Northern Lights, the sunsets and the rainbows that span one side of the village to the other. But most of all, she concludes, the people are what have made her teaching experience so rewarding and fulfilling.

If Ms Gersonde had her family up with her and "some blintzes now and then," she jokes, "I could continue indefinitely at Fort Severn." She missed her three children terribly. For Pesah, she returned to Toronto, to be with her daughter, Maggie, 20, (a secretary at Associated Hebrew school who married an Israeli), and sons John, 17, and Mike, 21.

Next Fall, Ms Gersonde will be teaching at Pickle Lake, with a community of Ojibway on the Osnaburg reserve. A mining town of 600, about 300 miles south of Fort Severn, Pickle Lake is the largest Hudson Bay post, and its location will allow her to be closer to her family.

But she will never forget her wonderful friendship among the Cree. "Fort Severn has given me memories I'll carry for the rest of my life," she exclaims.



There were 19 enthusiastic Cree children in Miriam Gersonde's grade 3 to 5 class.

Two former SS men go on trial in October

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The trial will open in Hagen in October of two former SS men, August Neuhaeuser, 67, and Siert Bruins, 58, formerly known as Siegfried Bruns, a former Dutch citizen, who are charged with murdering Mejer and Lazarus Sleutelberg, two Jewish brothers, in the Dutch town of Delfzijl in April 1945.

Both men were sentenced in absentia by Dutch courts in 1949; Bruins to life imprisonment, and Neuhaeuser to 16 years' jail.

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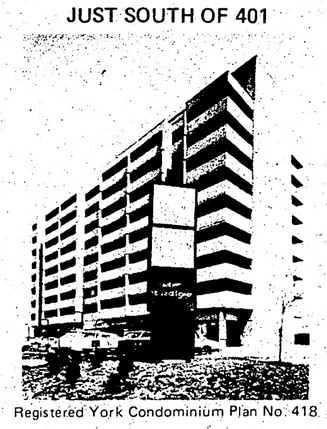

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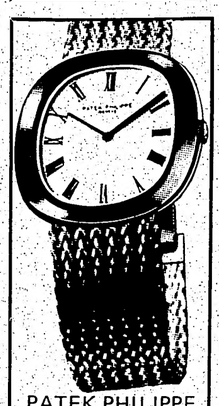

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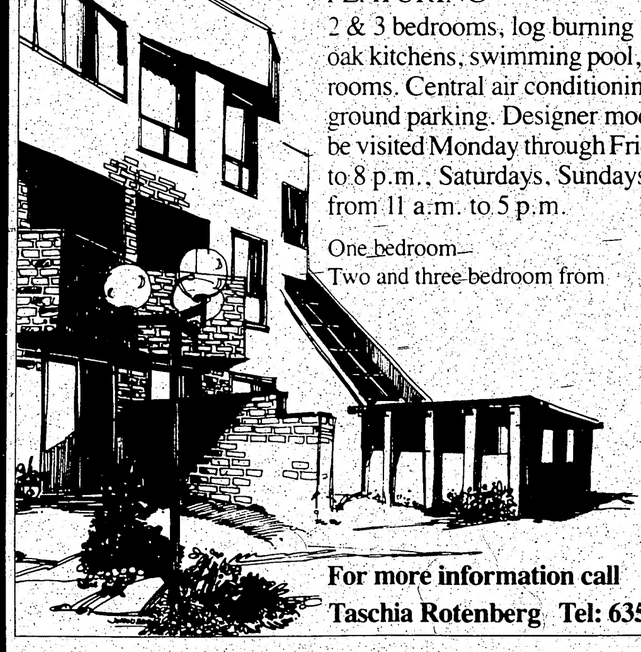

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Private Sale. Steeles and Bathurst, townhouse corner unit. 3 bedrooms, 1½ washrooms. Finished rec. room. 4 appliances. Broadloom $53,900. Phone 225-6274. 2

Bathurst-Finch, Steeles, 454 Patricia. 9 room backsplit, newly decorated. Sale/Rent. Close to shopping, schools, synagogues. 221-4600, 466-2325. 2

Don Mills-Steeles
Private Sale. Condo townhouse. 3 bedrooms and den with walk-out patio, private yard, 3 baths. 5 appliances, fully broadloomed, access to pool and clubhouse facilities. Close to shopping. After 6 p.m. 493-1248. 2

Private Sale
At 34 Forest Wood (Bathurst & Glencairn). 3 bedrooms & den, family room, games room, sewing room, walkout basement, luxury finished throughout. $184,500. Mon.-Fri. days, 363-3222. 2

Exclusive Forest Hill
Bathurst-Eglinton. 3 bdrm. with attached garage. Leaded windows, new kitchen, formal living & dining rm. Asking $95,000. Call Mrs. Bielas, 226-5052.
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Charlton Blvd. Executive
Just reduced! Great 4 bedroom split. Hollywood kitchen, main floor family room with wet bar, 4 baths, central air, vendor anxious. Jeff Weller, 226-4990, 5 minute reply 494-3624 pager 1405.

Bathurst-Wilson
5 large rms., bungalow, A1 condition. Many extras. Large lot. Owner transferred. Mr. Levin, 635-7900, evgs. 630-4059.
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Dunvegan Rd.
Luxury, immaculate 5 bdrm., 4 baths, secluded pool size lot. Asking $275,000. G. Halas Rltr. Ltd., 925-1121 or 783-1791.

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This home might be stolen! Estate Sale. All offers presented on this charming detached bungalow. 2 fireplaces, 50'x145' lot. For immediate viewing call Jeff Weller 226-4990, 5 minute reply 494-3624 pager 1405.
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Executive Coreydale Ravine — $275,000
Bathurst exclusive area, 4 years new, unique extra modern 2 storey custom built architect designed, about 6500 square feet of luxury living, 4 king sized bedrooms & master ensuite & steam shower, sauna, family room & den, 2 fireplaces, huge cedar deck, situated and backing onto 171' ravine, fully equipped gourmet kitchen, skylights over double staircase, finished basement & picture windows, excellent value, must be seen to be appreciated. AHUVA BENEGBI 224-2800.

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The Bridle Path — Reduced!!! $525,000
Georgian classic, about 5500 sq. ft., traditional luxuriously designed home, 3 years new, 6 bedrooms, 6 baths, maid's quarters, family room & den, 3 fireplaces, ultra modern kitchen & fireplace Bar B.Q., stained oak staircase and cabinets, hand finished, indoor swimming pool & sauna, walkout basement, circular driveway, formal dining room, excellent value — tremendous location. AHUVA BENEGBI 224-2800.

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The Bridle Path — Reduced — $235,000
Huge bungalow, 3 bedrooms, 4 baths, enormous living room & 2 fireplaces, Hollywood kitchen, finished basement & separate maid's quarters, beautiful entertainment section, fast sale. AHUVA BENEGBI 224-2800.

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Clanton Park & Bathurst — $159,000
Builder's home, 2 storey, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, family room, main floor laundry room, open fireplace, ultra modern kitchen, finished basement, separate entrance, circular staircase, close to all conveniences. AHUVA BENEGBI 224-2800.

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Bathurst Manor — New Listing — $119,900
Beautiful 3 bedroom bungalow, 3 baths, Hollywood kitchen & walk-out, finished basement separate entrance, central air, electronic air, huge fenced lot — 142' deep-professionally landscaped, close to shopping, transportation and synagogues. AHUVA BENEGBI 224-2800.

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Wycliffe Old Towne — Only $35,000 Down
Just listed, magnificent 4 bedroom, 2 storey, 4 baths, central air & cleaner, maid's quarters, professionally finished basement, 2 fireplaces, main floor laundry and family rooms, 3 walk-outs, stunning cedar deck, Chinese courtyard, spotless home, numerous extras, M. RONESS 224-2800.

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Bathurst-YMHA — 10¼% Mortgage
4500' custom built 5 bedroom, 2 storey with huge ceramic foyer, open spiral staircase to basement, separate maid's suite, fireplace in master, 4 walk-outs, sunken family room off custom kitchen. Call JULES GOLDSTEIN 224-2800.

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Contemporary 4 bedroom featuring totally renovated kitchen with BBQ, huge family room with fireplace & w.o. to inground pool, basement has whirlpool, sauna, cedar closet. Close to all amenities. Fabulous decor! Tremendous value! ELLIE GOLDSTEIN 224-2800.

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Steeles-Bathurst — $75,900 — $15,000 Down
One mortgage, solid brick 3 bedroom bungalow, large living-dining rooms, professionally finished basement, attached garage. MR. PISTER 224-2800.

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Bathurst Manor — $35,000 Down
Large 4 bedroom bungalow for family and entertaining, fabulous kitchen, 2 car garage, 2 rec rooms, wet bar and more. MR. VERRALL 224-2800.

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Bargain Knocks — $67,500 Don Mills-Steeles
3 bedrooms with full bath in master, large kitchen, 4 appliances, den, fireplace, walk-out, garage, move in condition. MR. VERRALL 224-2800.

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Finch-Leslie — $116,900 Fantastic Value
4 bedrooms, 2 storey, large family room with fireplace, inground pool, separate living room. MR. VERRALL 224-2800.

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Bathurst Village — $129,900
Lovely 4 bedroom backsplit, magnificent 20' kitchen, main floor family room, fireplace, study, 4 baths, central air, double garage. MR. VERRALL 224-2800.

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Leslie & Cummer — Reduced to $93,900
Fantastic 4 bedroom, 2 storey with main floor powder room, completely finished lower level, attached garage, central air, pool size lot. SARAH ROVET 224-2800.

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Bathurst Village — 4 Bedrooms — New Exclusive
Spacious modern 2 storey on gorgeous street with pool-sized lot, huge living room, separate dining room, main floor den, superb 20' ultra modern kitchen with walk-out, 4 baths, superbly finished basement, wet bar, very elegant home, central air. MRS. CARMONA 224-2800.

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Leslie-Cummer — $139,900
Centre hall backsplit on gorgeous quiet street & close to all conveniences, 4 large bedrooms, master bedroom ensuite bath, lovely Hollywood kitchen, 30' family room & fireplace and walk-out, finished basement & wet bar, central air cond. MRS. CARMONA 224-2800.

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Bathurst-Wilson — Bargain — $86,900
or best offer, beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 storey on pool-size lot, huge living-dining rooms with walk-out, brand new formica kitchen, 5 new appliances, 3 baths, modern finished basement, ceramic floors, garage, super value. MRS. CARMONA 224-2800.

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Leslie-York Mills — 5 Bedrooms — $207,000
Price slashed for fast sale, fantastic value, huge 5 bedrooms, 2 storey, 3 years new, built by Otto Buck, on quiet crescent with superb deep lot, large foyer with oak circular staircase, Rosewood family room & walk-out, finished basement features maid's quarters, study & rec room-wet bar, central air cond., central vacuum, automatic garage door, immaculate condition. MRS. CARMONA 224-2800.

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Bathurst-Steeles — Must Sell!
Large 4 bedroom, 2 storey, main floor den, bright kitchen/walk-out, central air, 2 baths, hurry-offer now! MRS. RONESS 224-2800.

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Bathurst-Steeles — Asking $73,900
3 bedroom semi with lower rentable basement & garage, central air, move in condition. HEDDY BLAUG 224-2800.

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36 Antibes Drive — Open House Thurs. 7-9
South of Steeles off Bathurst, reduced for quick sale, must sell, 4 bedroom townhouse, largest model, 5 appliances, large panelled rec room, basement, 3 pc. washroom, king size master, immaculate condition. PEARLY DENNIS 224-2800.

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$319,500 — Just under an acre of magnificent ravine property — Unique ranch — 2 storey living room — all windows — 3 bedrooms. Could be your own private mini estate. Hilary Cohen or Elise Kalles 441-2888.

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York Mills-Bayview — Showcase Contemporary
$409,000 — Builder's own home featuring finest quality & workmanship. Elegant foyer, magnificent spiral staircase. Spacious principal room, completely finished lower level. Call Sonny Starr or Linda Richman 441-2888.

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Mt. Pleasant-Davisville Townhome $119,900 —
Two storey 3-bedroom completely renovated & updated with quality material & plans, 3 baths, central air, a real smasher! Ethel Goldman, 441-2888.

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Outstanding Georgian & Pool — $234,500
Magnificent centre hall plan, 5 bedrooms, luxuriously finished in all levels. Fabulous garden with 20x40 inground marble pool. Bayview-Steeles area. Judy Horvath 441-2888.

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Denlow Estates — York Mills $179,900
Superb spacious 4 bedroom, 2 storey home, central air, main floor family, powder & laundry rooms, completely finished lower level plus sauna. Many super features. Hilary Cohen 441-2888.

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Chaplin Estates
$126,500 Don't miss this special 2 storey 4 bedroom home with long burning fireplace. Walkout to cedar deck. Expensive gumwood trim, Leaded windows. Finished basement Call Judy Gardiner 441-2888.

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Bathurst-Eglinton — 2 Storey & 2 Apartments
Commercial Exclusive
Estate Sale asking $225,000. Vendor will hold first mortgage. Excellent location. Suitable as in investment or possessions of one store. Call Ronald Baker 441-2888.

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Marlee-Lawrence
$132,500-First Ad-Luxury Sidesplit
3-4 bedrooms, central air quality broadloom, 2 oversized bathrooms, lovely garden, absolutely move-in. Joan Grant 441-2888.

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Bathurst-Lawrence — $74,900
2 bedroom bungalow plus den, new kitchen with beautiful yard for gardening. Near synagogues, shopping, pretty as a picture. Bea Estrin 441-2888.

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Bayview-Old Colony Area $239,000
New listing. A home with a contemporary flare. 4 bedroom with glass walkway to master suite all main rooms have walkout to inner courtyard or garden. Call Ron Baker 441-2888.

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Beaver Hall — Banbury Rd. — Pool — $240,000
This superbly detailed interior includes antique pine kitchen — family room, separate study-dining room-black slate entry hall. 5 bedrooms, lower level finished with walkout to pool. Decorate with exquisite flare. Clean like a Jewel 441-2888 or 449-1873.

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Bathurst Manor $95,900
3 bedroom bungalow with new kitchen — 2 baths, central air, exceptional rec room with fireplace and wet bar, attached garage, new roof, 10¼% mortgage. Call Hilary Cohen, 441-2888.

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Beauiful Thornhill $114,900
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Denmark Cr. Just Listed
$144,500 Custom built 4 bedroom, cut stone ranch bungalow on pool size lot. Elegant foyer, huge kitchen, main level panelled library. Completely finished self-contained basement. Owner will hold 1 mortgage. Anxious to sell. Call Joel Kaplansky or Iris Weinbrum 441-2888.

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Bathurst-Wilson Gem
$87,500 Charming 3 bedroom bungalow on mature lot. Spacious living room, separate dining room, cheery eat-in kitchen, finished basement. Excellent condition, central air. Iris Weinbrum or Joel Kaplansky 441-2888.

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Executive Beardmore Crescent — Reduced to $229,000
Quality dominates this exquisite 4 bedroom home. Elegant foyer, superb kitchen, fabulous family room with wet bar, fireplace and walk-outs to unparalleled inground pool setting. Finishe basement with sauna, $1,000s more. Joel Kaplansky or Iris Weinbrum 441-2888.

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Elegance plus Bathurst Village
$142,000 asking price! Hurry, value & quality in this 3-4 bedroom stonefront home which boasts a huge kitchen with walk-out to balcony, an extra large panelled family room, rec room with wet bar and much more. Move-in condition. Call Allen Rosen 441-2888.

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North Central — $197,500
Walk to synagogues & schools from this spectacular large custom built family home on quiet cul-de-sac. Marblestone exterior, 6 bathrooms, 4 bdrms., plus maid's quarters, 2 libraries, huge family room with fireplace & walkout, exercise room with whirlpool & sauna. Exquisitely large principal rooms, double electric garage & much more. J. Taylor, 484-9111.

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Shaarel Shomayim Area — $152,900
Just listed! Fabulous brand new 4-bdrm., 3 baths, main floor family, laundry & powder room. Walk to all synagogues, shopping. Excellent location. Finished beautifully. Curious? Call Marjorie Rasky, 484-9111.

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Bedford Glen — $129,900
New listing. 3-bedroom penthouse, central air, cathedral ceiling, open fireplace, 2 parking spaces. Penny Brown, 484-9111.

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Don Mills-McNicoll — $106,900
Detached 4-bdrm. Tudor. Main-floor family rm. with fireplace, fin. bsmt., 4 baths, dbl. garage. Sandi Halpern, 484-9111.

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Willowdale & Steeles — $89,900
Vendor will take back excellent 1st mortgage. Completely renovated 2-storey detached home, features central air, appliances, built-ins, modern kitchen, pool-size lot, cedar deck, finished basement. Larry Wolstat, 484-9111.

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Bathurst-Lawrence — $82,000
Detached, brick, 3 bdrm., 2 storey residence, large principal rooms with sliding glass walkout from dining room to cedar deck, modern eat-in kitchen. Finished basement. Good financing. Joey Taylor, 484-9111.

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Chaplin-Eglinton — $79,900
Just reduced. Estate sale, refurbished bungalow, eat-in kitchen, fireplace in living room, finished basement, private drive and garage. Try an offer. Brian Greenspan, 484-9111.

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Bathurst-Lawrence — $79,900
A charming doll-house bungalow, finished bsmt. apt., attached garage, beautiful garden. Immaculate throughout. Faygie Buchman, 484-9111.

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Don Mills & Van Horne
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$106,900! Brick 3-storey, 9 rooms. Tremendous single-family potential or income possibilities. Must be seen. Michael Konsker, 652-1400.

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Bathurst & Glencairn
4-5 bedroom home on large lot with private garden. Close to synagogues, transportation. Mrs. Schorr, 783-3333.

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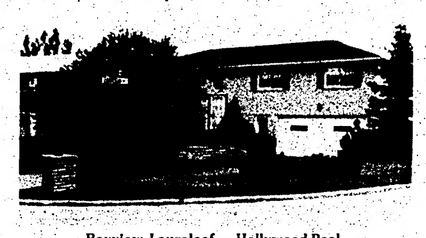

Bayview-Laureleaf — Hollywood Pool
Customized bungalow, 3 or 4 bdrms., huge living room, dining. Decor reflects owner's impeccable taste. Surrounded by professional landscaping. Asking $154,900. Mike Mealia, 226-6390.

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Bayview Fantastic — $169,000
Exciting 2-storey Colonial, set on a gorgeous lot. 4 excellent bedrooms (master ensuite), modern kitchen with walk-out, family room with stunning open fireplace, smashing lower level rec room with wet bar & den with built-ins. Central air, double garage. Call Jay Rotman or Eleanor Stanton, 483-4337.

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Country Setting
$249,000 Excellent 4-bedroom backsplit, perched on a magnificent ravine lot. Gourmet kitchen, panelled family room & library, both with walk-outs to terrace. Maid's quarters. Close to synagogues. Call Elaine Goldenberg, 483-4337.

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Bayview-$179,900
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Christine Cres. — New Listing
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Neptune Towers
Reduced to sell — $44,500. Luxury 2-bedroom condo, with ultra (eat-in) kitchen, 2 baths, laundry ensuite, central air & rec. centre. See with Gayle Esbin, 483-4337.

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Bathurst-Baycrest
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One of Cedarvale's Best — Heathdale Rd.
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Bayview-Granite Club
$375,000 Georgian, ravine lot, cul-de-sac. Gracious entrance, large principal rooms, walnut panelled library. Circular staircase, 5 bedrooms, separate maid's quarters, walk-out lower level, 3 car garage, central air. Harry and Sally Gold, 487-7101.

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Bathurst-Sheppard Beauty 3 Bdrm. Fantastic Bungalow
$110,000. Move in condition. Updated kitchen, elegant living dining rms., charming rec rm., 4 rm. self contained bsmt. apt., 3 baths, open mtge. Pool sized lot. Mrs. Morganthau. 961-4444.

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Bathurst-Wilson — $77,500
6 rm. bungalow, 3 twin sized bdrms., living dining, large kitchen, garage. Near TTC, synagogues, schools. A-1 location. Mrs. Seidman. 635-1170.

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$74,900 Bathurst-Sheppard — One open Mortgage
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Beautiful Brahmsgate at Finch & Leslie
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Bathurst-Finch — 8¾% Mortgage
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Hillhurst-Alexandra Wood
Unique 8 room split bungalow, 4 bedrooms (2 extremely large) ultra kitchen, magnificent main floor family room, 3 baths, finished basement, loads of expensive extras. Owner leaving country. Mrs. Rybak 789-7111.

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Bathurst-Lawrence — $71,900
Charming 6 room brick 2 storey living room — open fireplace, spacious modern kitchen, garage, large lot, broadloom, drapes, dishwasher, many extras. Mrs. Rybak. 789-7111.

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Luxury Condominium — $15,000 Down to One Mtge.
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Move right into this delightful 2 storey ultra kitchen, king size master, beautiful basement apartment, attached garage, central air, broadloom, drapes appliances, walk to all amenities. Mrs. Solnik 789-7111.

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Bathurst-Steeles — Owner Leaving City
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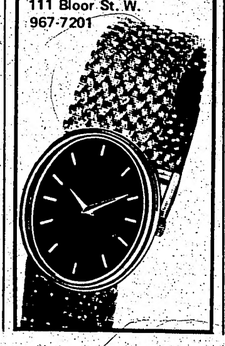

Campers at Ner Meir clap hands as they join in a popular singing program. Most of the 50 campers are newly arrived immigrants from the Soviet Union.

Danson hungers for new career

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO—

For the first time in 11 years, Barney Danson finds himself in a political wilderness. "I feel a little in limbo," the first Jewish defence minister in Canadian history says. "It's a funny feeling."

At the age of 58, Danson is a defeated politician. Losing his seat in York North to a virtual unknown, Danson was the victim of an anti-Liberal backlash that swept the Conservatives into power. "I didn't expect to lose," he admits. "It was disappointing, and it still hurts. But it wasn't personal. I can't get too uptight about it. The political process is more important than the individual."

Danson held two cabinet portfolios under Pierre Elliot Trudeau, and was Trudeau's parliamentary secretary from 1970-72. Six years after having been elected as an MP, the prime minister appointed him minister of urban affairs. In 1976, Trudeau gave the veteran of the Second World War the defence ministry.

In his 11 years in Ottawa, Danson established a good reputation. "He was very popular and liked by all sides in the House of Commons," observes Richard Gwyn, the Ottawa columnist of The Toronto Star. "He helped rehabilitate the poor image of the armed forces."

Peter Ward, an Ottawa freelance journalist specializing in defence, says Danson "brought a real enthusiasm to the job" and was popular in the nation's capital. But he notes that Danson got credit for some of his predecessor's achievements, and that he was sometimes inclined to take too seriously the advice of senior officers.

Senator Keith Davey, the last campaign chairman of the Liberal Party, and an old friend, notes: "Barney's defeat in the election was a terrific loss for the country. He was one of the hardest-working MPs and one of the best ministers of defence. He's got a great deal of integrity. I can't think of any negatives. He's a super guy."

Herb Gray, a former Liberal minister, says his colleague "served in an able and constructive way."

Just a few months ago, Danson had the prestige and prerequisites accorded to a minister of the crown. While he would have been pleased to return to his office in Ottawa, Danson claims he has no regrets whatsoever. "I took my defeat with a sense of relief as well, strangely enough. As a minister, you're not in control of your life. The hours—100 a week—are horrendous and you have no family life. You're working virtually all your waking hours, including dinners, which aren't always fun."

Today, Danson—a genial, good-humored man who radiates warmth—can afford the luxury of getting up late and of lingering over the morning newspaper. He works out of his son Ken's law office in downtown Toronto, and he and his British-born wife, Isobel, commute between their country cottage and their son's home here.

Danson is waiting for a job to materialize, either in Canada or abroad, and he does not intend to sell his home in Ottawa until his future is clearer. He doesn't plan to go back to his old machinery manufacturing business, most of whose shares he sold to key employees after becoming an MP.

Asked if he wants to go back to politics, he says: "I'd like to leave my options open politically. I love politics and public life and a lot of people are urging me to return." He says his ambition does not include a seat in the Senate.

Though Danson is unemployed—if that is the correct word, in his case—he is extremely busy. Phone calls continually interrupt him. The other day, John Diefenbaker called to tell Danson how sorry he was that he had lost York North to contender John Gamble.

(Ben Lechtman)

Barney Danson

He also gets many letters—letters from former constituents and from NATO defence ministers with whom he worked for almost three years.

Talking about his tenure as defence minister, Danson says: "Without deprecating any of my predecessors, I fitted into the job pretty well."

He believes his main contribution in defence was to raise the sagging morale of the men and women in the armed forces, and to make the public more aware of the role they played in Canada and overseas. Danson says he accepted the portfolio after Trudeau assured him that he could hold it for at least three years. "I felt I needed three years. Ideally, five would have been nice."

There was some unfinished business when he left Ottawa on the eve of the federal election. Danson was in the midst of choosing a new fighter plane for the air force and of rebuilding the navy. He had just started to increase the reserves from 20,000 to 50,000, and he wanted to consolidate Canada's role in NATO's Norway theatre.

"I can't recall a single setback," he says, referring to his term. "When I came on, I thought I would have to apologize for Canada's NATO stance. But the Europeans are grateful we're there. I think I upgraded their appreciation of the Canadian role."

He is proud of the fighting ability of Canada's armed forces. "We're qualitatively the best in the world. But as far as training and motivation are concerned, no one touches the Israelis. I think that's generally recognized."

As for conscription, Danson says he is not philosophically against it, but remarks that "it's not in the cards politically."

As defence minister, Danson visited Canadian peace-keeping troops in Cyprus and the Middle East, and came away impressed. "We're the best in the business." He is convinced that the UN force in which Canadians serve maintains the peace in the Middle East. But he is not so sure anymore that the peace-keepers in Cyprus are really needed. "Our forces there are used as a crutch by the Cypriots, and as long as we're there they have no incentive to get their act together."

On his most recent visit to the region, he represented Canada at Golda Meir's funeral. Prior to that, he travelled to Egypt and Syria. He says he felt at ease in Egypt. Danson met Anwar Sadat and he recalls that the Egyptian president struck him as a sincere man of peace. In Syria, however, he says he felt ill at ease as a Jew. "It was uncomfortable. People were hospitable, but they wondered what I, as a Jew, was all about. I felt they were suspicious I was a Jew. I was sure they were aware of my relationship with Israel."

Overall, Danson says the Syrians showed no hint at all that they would sign a peace treaty with Israel if the opportunity presented itself.

In Israel, he arrived at a crucial point, days after Yitzhak Rabin resigned as prime minister. His host was Shimon Peres, the defence minister. He says they got along very well.

When Danson was minister of urban affairs, he was also commissioner of Habitat, the UN conference held in Vancouver. Ottawa almost cancelled the conference because the PLO insisted on attending, much against the opposition of Canada's Jewish community. He was caught in the middle. Danson rebuked militant Jewish organizations which planned to block the PLO's participation.

But because he was also incensed at the UN resolution equating Zionism with racism, he informed Trudeau that he couldn't in conscience be associated with UN activities. "I sent a letter to Trudeau offering to resign as commissioner. But he asked me to stay on. I did."

In the end, the PLO was barred, and Habitat went on.

Aside from Habitat, Danson's years in urban affairs were fairly quiet, and somewhat productive. He organized a youth work program and he met a commitment for building starts. He says his greatest disappointment was in not being able to build the right kind of housing for the native Indian population.

Born in Toronto, Danson is the scion of Jews who settled in this country about 100 years ago. His father, Joseph, was in the men's clothing business and in insurance, and his mother, Sadie, opened Camp Winnebago, the first private Jewish camp in Canada.

During the Second World War, Danson was in the Queen's Own Rifles. He was wounded in France in 1944. On leaving the army in 1945, he was a lieutenant. He married Isobel Bull during the war. The Dansons have four sons: Ken, 35; John, 33, a Mississauga high-school teacher; Peter, 29, a Quebec CEGEP teacher; and Tim, 25, an articling student in a law firm here.

Danson, a member of Holy Blossom, was the founding president of the Reform Temple Emanu-El, and in the past he was involved in UJA activities.

He likes to fish and to listen to chamber music, but above all, he enjoys working. "I'm a workaholic," he says, a grin creasing his ruddy face.

Barney Danson wants to get back to work—and soon.

Agudath Israel will convene

NEW YORK, N.Y. —

The 57th national convention of Agudath Israel of America, scheduled for the weekend of Nov. 22 to 25 in Port Chester, New York, will take on an international flavor this year when it prepares the platform of the American delegation to the forthcoming sixth Knessia Gedolah (World Congress) of Agudath Israel.

The convention, taking place six weeks prior to the opening of the Knessia Gedolah in Jerusalem on Jan. 7, will deliberate on the position of the American Agudath Israel as it prepares to participate in the global gathering of Orthodox leaders.

Because of the worldwide implications of its deliberations, the convention this year will feature sessions open to the public, in addition to the 1,000 delegates and guests expected in Port Chester for its entire three-day duration. The conclave of Agudath Israel will once again be led by the foremost Torah authorities, including deans of major yeshivot and chassidic rebbeim, headed by members of the Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah (Council of Torah Sages).

One of the major themes to be discussed at the convention will be the productive and ever-expanding role of the American Agudath on the international scene, besides Israel. Its rescue and spiritual absorption efforts on behalf of Russian Jews, the expansion of Torah in Latin America, as well as it its discreet efforts for Jews in other troubled areas of the world will dominate some of the discussions. Some of the major resolutions on these issues, which have traditionally become blueprints for increased activity by the American Agudah, will be addressed as proposals to the Knessia Gedolah.

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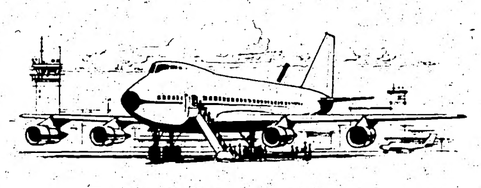

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